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GREAT LAKES NAVIGATION SEASON, 1984

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The 25th anniversary season for the St. Lawrence Seaway opened on April 2, 1984. The first ship upbound through the St. Lambert lock was the SELKIRK SETTLER followed by the FEDERAL THAMES. The first downbound transit was made by the RALPH MISENER through the Iroquois lock on April 1.

The Welland Canal was opened on March 28 by the RALPH MISENER which wintered at the south end of the Canal. The first passage from Lake Erie was made by the MANITOULIN also on the 28th. The first upbound was the same day by the JEAN PARISIEN. Overseas traffic through the Welland began on the 7th with the BANJI LUKA the second saltie up the Seaway and through the Soo on the 9th (fig. 1).



Figure 1.-- The BANTA LUKA on the St. Clair River on April 8, 1984. Photo by Albert G. Ballert, Great Lakes Commission.

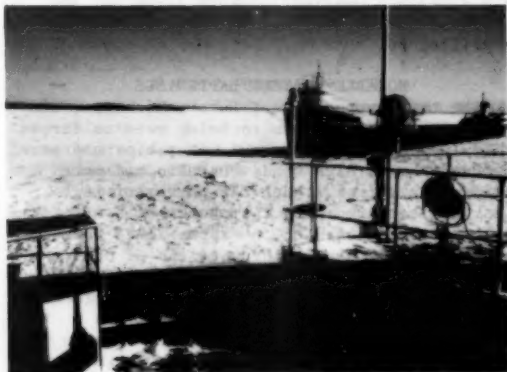


Figure 2.-- A U.S. Coast Guard photo of the CASON J. CALLAWAY from the stern of the MACKINAW.

The Soo Locks were scheduled to open April 1 but the date was advanced to March 26. The first upbound was the CASON J. CALLAWAY (fig. 2)

preceded by the icebreaker MACKINAW. The first downbound from Lake Superior was the SIMCOE on the 29th. This year marked the start of the 130th year of operation for the Soo Canal which opened in June 1855.

A few lakera operated throughout the winter with more active on the lakes during March. Several had to have icebreaker assistance.

The Seaway closed a record-breaking 275-day season on January 2, 1985 when the ALGOWEST cleared upbound. The previous latest closing was December 26, 1977. The last saltie, the ZIYA S. cleared on December 30. The Seaway stayed open because of a massive backlog of ships both upbound and downbound caused by the malfunctioning bridge at Valleyfield, Quebec. It took 18 days to repair the bridge and 160 vessels were lined up to enter or leave the system.

The last saltie through the Welland was also the ZIYA S. The last laker up was the CARTERCLIFFE HALL on January 1, 1985 and the last downbound was the SEAWAY TRADER on December 29.

At the Soo the last lakera passed through on New Years Day, the LAKE MANITOBA downbound and the LAKE WABUSH upbound.

As an item of interest the following table shows the flag of registry, number of vessels, and the total trips of salt water vessels into the Great Lakes during 1984. Vessels from 39 countries entered the Lakes through the Eisenhower Lock. A total of 703 vessels passed through the Eisenhower Lock.

Belgium (6-24)	Liberia (45-93)
British (7-15)	Morocco (1-1)
Brazil (2-4)	Mauritus (1-3)
Canada (5-5)	Netherland
Cayman Islands (3-5)	Antilles (2-4)
Cuba (3-10)	Norway (7-20)
Cyprus (10-10)	Panama (80-105)
Czechoslovakia (2-2)	Philippines (10-17)
Denmark (4-4)	Pakistan (2-3)
Dutch (8-9)	Poland (7-10)
Finland (8-12)	Peru (2-4)
France (6-12)	Russia (15-15)
German (3-4)	South Africa (1-2)
Greek (99-123)	Singapore (15-28)
Hong Kong (9-15)	South Korea (2-2)
Iceland (1-4)	Spain (16-24)
India (14-15)	Switzerland (2-2)
Italy (6-9)	Sweden (6-11)
Japan (5-7)	Turkey (18-23)
	United States (3-7)
	Yugoslavia (20-33)

The NOAA Buoys were deployed in the spring and retrieved in the late fall.

Precipitation over the Great Lakes basin averaged 32.15 in which was 1 percent above the long-term average (table 1). Precipitation has been above average for 9 of the last 10 yr. with

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only 1976 below average. The Lake Huron basin was 16 percent above average. Lake Erie basin was also above average. The other three basins were below average with Lake Ontario a minus 11 percent.

Table 1.--Annual precipitation data (in)

Precip in inches	Great Lakes Basin	Lake Superior	Lake Michigan	Lake Huron	Lake Erie	Lake Ontario
1900-84 avg.	31.85	29.91	31.39	31.69	34.24	34.57
1984	32.15	29.09	29.74	36.65	35.26	30.91

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The National Weather Service conducted their Marine Weather Program as in other years. The products and services included weather warnings, forecasts, advisories and statements; ice forecasts and outlooks; low water statements, and lake shore warnings and statements. The total number of gale and storm warnings were only 141, down from previous years (table 2). Only 18 storm warnings were issued. More warnings were issued for Lake Michigan than any other lake.

Table 2.--1984 Great Lakes gale and storm warnings

	Super G/S	Mich G/S	Huron G/S	St. Clair G/S	Erie G/S	Ontario G/S
Jan	2 1	2 1	2 0		0 0	0 0
Feb	3 0	4 1	2 1	1	1 1	0 0
Mar	3 0	4 0	3 0	1	3 0	0 0
Apr	5 1	5 2	-		2 1	1 0
May	1 0	1 0	1 0		2 0	0 0
Jun	-	-	-		0 0	0 0
Jul	-	-	-		0 0	0 0
Aug	-	-	-		0 0	0 0
Sep	2 0	1 0	2 0		3 0	0 0
Oct	6 1	5 5	4 0		1 0	1 0
Nov	3 0	3 0	5 0	1	2 0	2 0
Dec	7 2	7 1	6 0		7 0	6 0
Totals	32 5	32 10	25 1	3 0	21 2	10 0

Total gale and storm warnings issued past 10 yr. 1984 - 141

1983-177 1980-173 1977-262
1982-194 1979-227 1976-399
1981-136 1978-241 1975-276

OBSERVATION PROGRAM

The National Climatic Data Center received 10,566 observations from the 32 lakers participating in the program. Only synoptic observations submitted on the Great Lakes Ships' Weather Observations, NOAA Form 72-1A(GL) were included in this total (table 3). This was quite an improvement over 1983 by 6 fewer ships. Lake Superior, as always, had the most traffic and observations. The highest monthly total was during June.

Table 3.--Total count of ship observations, 1984

Lake	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS
ONTARIO						1							1
ERIE				62	66	62	51	61	59	59	71	26	608
HURON				120	204	378	751	372	379	327	368	137	2803
MICHIGAN				179	326	378	747	385	393	378	376	106	2927
SUPERIOR				191	578	635	612	670	596	532	477	194	4320
TOTALS				544	1372	1949	1912	1915	1277	1297	1266	423	10566
TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTING 32													

Table 4 shows a breakdown of the numbers of observations for selected severe weather types. Low visibility as usual lead the bad weather reports with winds greater than 30 kn second. June had the highest numbers of low visibility observations --274-- and the highest percentage of observations -- 19 percent.

Table 4.--Summary of selected severe weather data.

SELECTION CRITERIA	WINDS >30 KNTS	VISIBILITY CODE < 96	SEVERE WX CODE=13,17-19,24, 27,29,57 ON > 86	SEA HEIGHTS CODE=8-12 (12 TO 20 FT)	CODE >12 (>20 FT)
TOTAL # OF OBS	385	974	119	40	10

Table 5.--High wind speed distribution (kn)

Lake	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
ONTARIO													
20-40													
41-47													
48-55													
56-63													
ERIE													
20-40													
41-47													
48-55													
56-63													
HURON													
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Table 6.--Waves of 20 ft. or more

Lake	Ship	Date	Height (ft)
Erie	J.A.W. IGLEHART	April 14	20
Huron	J.A.W. IGLEHART	April 15	20
		June 9	20
Michigan	SPARROWS POINT	Sept. 8	20
Superior	COLUMBIA STAR	Nov. 01	21

Tables 5, 6, and 7 shows the data for high winds and waves. Lakes Huron and Superior tied for the highest sustained wind measured of 56 kn in December and April respectively. Overall Lake Superior had more high winds. She had 100 reports of winds over 33kn (gale force or greater). The other four Lakes together had only 121 reports of gale force or greater. The highest reported waves were 30 ft on Lake Huron in May but the 6-kn wind speed would not support such a height. The next highest waves were 21 ft with 40-kn winds on Lake Superior in November.

This article and the tables are based only on those weather observations logged on the Ship's Weather Observation Form 72-1A(GL) and forwarded to the National Climatic Data Center, Asheville, NC.

NOTABLE WEATHER HAPPENINGS

The three upper lakes, Huron, Michigan, and Superior were very close to being even as far as stormy weather was concerned. Superior had more observations of high winds but also had more total observations. When the number of high winds are compared with the number of observations on each of the three lakes the percentages are within three tenths of one percent. The reports of severe weather types were also very close. There were more high wave reports from Lake Michigan. November was probably the stormiest month. There were no wind reports greater than 40 kn on Lake Erie and only one thunderstorm report. Lake Ontario could not be evaluated as only one observation was received from that lake.

This data and the number of observations must be evaluated in terms of the season and the

number of boats operating. The most severe storms generally occur in the late Fall and Winter months when few boats are operating.

The following paragraphs describe some of the more significant weather as indicated by the weather charts and observations. Canadian ships and ships that do forward their observations to the National Climatic Data Center have experienced heavier weather in the same or other storms. Tracks of the more severe storms are shown in figure 3.

Table 7.--Highest 1-min. wind (kn) reported on the Great Lakes by U.S. Anemometer-equipped vessels.

YEAR	LAKE ERIE	LAKE HURON	LAKE MICHIGAN	LAKE SUPERIOR	LAKE ONTARIO
1941	W 42	WSW 50	NW 43	NNW 54	---
1942	WSW 52	WSW 54	WSW 48	S 62	---
1943	WSW 57	WSW 43	SSW 50	WSW 52	---
1944	NE 38	NW 37	WSW 48	NNE 42	---
1945	WNW 52	SSW 54	WNW 49	NW 52	---
1946	SW 50	W 46	S 44	NW 47	---
1947	NW 51	ESE 43	EKE 39	WSW 43	---
1948	WSW 40	NNW 31	NW 45	WSW 48	---
1949	W 52	NNE 50	NNW 43	N 52	---
1950	SW 70	NW 48	NW 49	NW 81	---
1951	WSW 37	WSW 50	SW 49	WSW 54	---
1952	SW 46	SW 57	SSW 44	WSW 45	---
1953	WSW 49	NW 45	NNW 46	EKE 50	---
1954	W 45	NW 45	E 48	N 43	---
1955	W 52	SW 57	WSW 58	NW 48	---
1956	WSW 46	W 43	SSW 46	N 50	---
1957	WSW 72	SW 54	WSW 49	N 47	---
1958	SW 61	SW 43	SW 52	SSW 54	---
1959	W 42	NE 50	E 48	W 54	---
1960	NE 55	WSW 49	NW 53	N 54	---
1961	W 50	NW 47	NW 48	N 57	---
1962	W 52	WSW 63	WSW 48	NW 60	---
1963	NNW 76	NW 60	N 52	E 35	---
1964	WSW 68	W 72	NW 54	WSW 62	50
1965	WSW 60	WNW 95	ESE 52	SW 70	40
1966	EKE 49	DE 60	NW 57	NNE 61	39
1967	WSW 43	W 58	EKE 46	NE 53	32
1968	W 63	NNW 44	WSW 46	NNE 55	31
1969	WSW 44	NNW 46	NW 50	SSW 50	---
1970	W 52	W 62	NW 52	W 63	---
1971	SW 50	N 53	N 50	SW 56	---
1972	W 45	NW 56	N 54	NNE 60	---
1973	SW 45	EKE 46	NE 56	NE 50	---
1974	EKE 48	SW 47	SW 42	ESE 46	38
1975	NE 40	WSW 60	SW 54	W 50	32
1976	W 48	S 56	NNW 55	NE 54	34
1977	WSW 46	ESE 48	ESE 44	SW 56	26
1978	SSW 80	EKE 50	E 55	S 56	39
1979	W 42	W 44	NNW 55	NNE 52	26
1980	NNE 44	N 50	NNE 52	S 56	---
1981	W 55	NW 50	NW 50	EKE 56	37
1982	W 43	W 53	SW 46	N 60	---
1983	SW 45	NE 49	W 56	NW 48	---
1984	S 40	WSW 56	W 50	N 56	---

¹Highest for each lake

JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH

The year started out with warmer than normal temperatures on January 3, new record high temperatures for the day were set at Duluth, MN and Marquette, MI. The month turned out to be colder than normal overall from minus 2°F over Lake Superior to minus 7°F over Lake Huron. An exceptionally cold period was from the 19th to the 22d.

February was a turn about with warmer than normal temperatures of plus 7°F over the south part of the basin to plus 11°F over the north. Some record high temperatures into the 60's occurred on the 12th and 13th, also on the 22d and 23d. Sault Ste Marie had an 8 day stretch of "warm" weather from the 11th to 18th where the average temperature was 32°F or higher. The longest period since records were kept. The 26th to 29th brought heavy snow and high winds to the southern part of the basin.

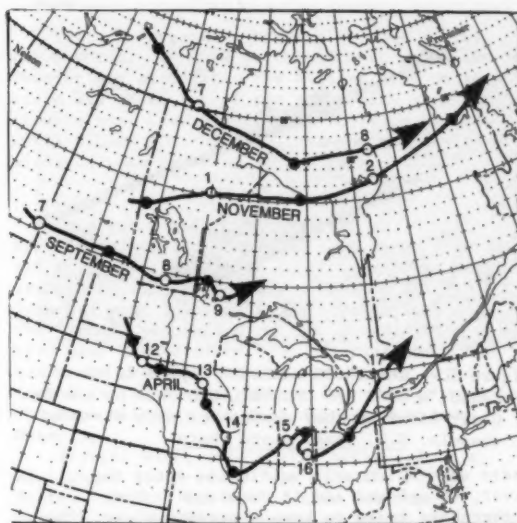


Figure 3.-- Tracks of storms with winds over 50 kn and waves over 15 ft.

March brought another reversal with colder than normal temperatures, minus 8°F over Lake Erie to minus 3°F northern Michigan to minus 6°F over Lake Superior. The 8th and 9th brought heavy snow and record lows to the lower Lakes. There were high winds over Lake Michigan on the 15th and heavy snow over the south shore of Lake Superior on the 20th and 21st. Some early shipping on the Lakes had problems with ice. There were 8 weather reports, 2 on Lake Huron and 6 on Lake Superior.

APRIL

The season officially opened with good weather prevailing over the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. The Basin was generally under the influence of high pressure the first third of the month except for a LOW that moved south and east of the Lakes the end of the first week. This weather situation brought prevailing northeasterly winds to the Lake Huron and St. Clair area. These northeast winds blew ice into the south end of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. An ice jam up to 9-ft thick blocked the St. Clair River. The decrease in river flow lowered the level of Lake St. Clair 2.5 ft. (fig. 4). During most of the month ships had to be escorted by icebreakers and the river was closed several times (fig. 5). On April 23

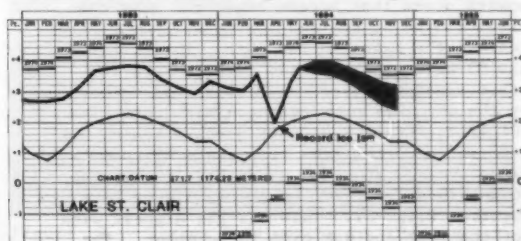


Figure 4.-- Lake St. Clair levels from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Monthly Bulletin.



Figure 5.-- The USCGC MACKINAW (upper left) and Canada's CCGS DES GROSSEILLERS pass on the St. Clair River as they assist the many stranded vessels. U.S. Coast Guard Photo.

there were 82 vessels waiting to enter the river, 64 upbound and 18 downbound. Nine icebreakers tried to keep a passage clear. Two or three icebreakers would convoy five or six ships through the ice. Several ships went aground or were damaged by the ice (fig. 6 and 7). By the 30th most of the ice was gone and the traffic back to normal. The article Ice Jam Halts Lakers was in the Fall 1984 issue.



Figure 6.-- The JOHN B. AIRD nearing the head of the St. Clair River on April 26, several days before the ice jam broke up. Photo by Albert G. Ballert, Great Lakes Commission.

There were three significant storms across the Great Lakes during April, all the last half of the month. The first of these was a slow moving storm that became organized over the Great Plains on the 12th. The southerly flow reached the Lakes on the 13th. The BENSON FORD had 33-kn northeast winds on Lake Superior. The storm meandered over the Mississippi Valley and by the 16th was over southern Michigan. The PHILIP R. CLARKE had 36-kn north winds on Lake Superior. On the 17th there were 10 reports of winds over 30 kn. The BURNS HARBOR reported 56-kn winds from 020° on the middle of Lake Superior (fig. 8). This was the highest wind for the year and was tied in December. The BENSON FORD measured 39-kn also on Lake



Figure 7.-- The BALTIC TRADER trying to move against the current and ice finds its bow out of the water. U.S. Coast Guard Photo.

Superior. The GEORGE A. STINSON found 37-kn winds on Lake Michigan. The storm dissipated on the 18th as a new LOW formed near New York.

This LOW came out of the southwest on the 22d. High pressure was moving southeastward over the Great Lakes. Easterly winds of 35 kn

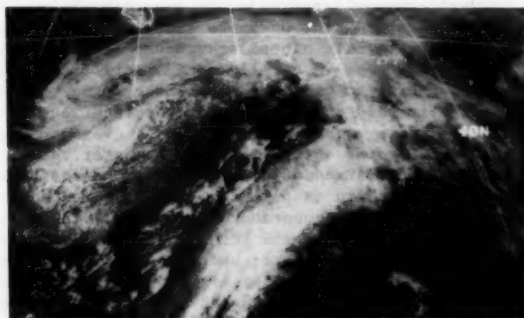


Figure 8.-- The storm that brought 56-kn winds to the BURNS HARBOR on Lake Superior on the 17th.

were blowing over Lakes Erie and Michigan. These were reported by the S.T. CRAPO and STEWART J. CORT on Michigan and H. LEE WHITE on Erie. Some ships on western Lake Erie and the Detroit River waiting to transit the ice in the St. Clair River dragged anchor.

The last storm moved northeastward out of Texas on the 29th. The circulation started effecting the lakes early on the 30th. At 1200 it was 980 mb near Green Bay, Wisconsin (fig. 9). There was heavy rain ahead of the storm and heavy snow behind it. Winds gusted up to 75 mi/hr. Winds at Chicago gusted up to 70 mi/hr and popped glass out of high-rise windows and broke trees. Twenty people were injured and 12 were killed. In Michigan over 200,000 customers were without power. Many other places had gusty winds (in mi/hr); Sault Ste. Marie - 58, Milwaukee - 64, Detroit - 63, Buffalo - 72 with prevailing 55, and Cleveland - 69. Two ships measured 50-kn winds, the JAMES R. BARKER on Lake Huron and the STEWART J. CORT on Lake Michigan. The H. LEE WHITE had 45-kn and 15-ft waves on Lake Michigan. There were still winds of 40-kn or more on Michigan and Huron on May 1. The PHILIP R. CLARKE measured 45-kn west winds on Lake Huron. The EDWIN H. GOTT had 39-kn west winds and 16-ft seas on Lake Superior. The storm was out of the area on May 2.

Between 4 and 5 p.m. on April 30 the high westerly winds produced a 9-ft storm surge on Lake Erie between Toledo and Buffalo. The fishing vessel STANLEY CLIPPER sank in Lake Erie.

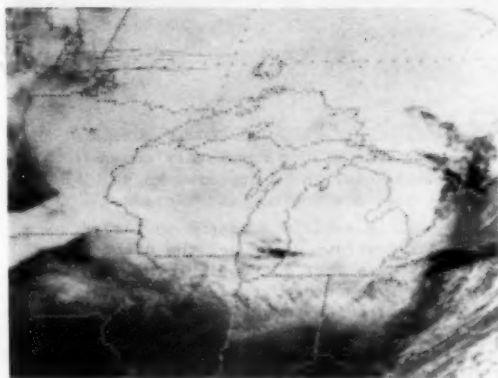


Figure 9.-- This is how the storm looked at noon on the 17th. Its high winds caused a lot of damage and power outages plus a 9-ft surge on Lake Erie. NOAA.

MAY

This month was colder than normal over the Great Lakes Basin from 5°F over central Michigan to normal (0°) over western Lake Superior. The worst storm of the month was on the 1st continuing from April.

On the 7th a LOW organized over the Dakotas and moved eastward. At 1200 on the 8th it was 998 mb near Thunder Bay. All the high winds were reported on Lake Superior. The highest was 42-kn by the BENSON FORD. The LEWIS WILSON FOY had 40-kn northwest winds on the 9th.

The next organized storm also came out of the Dakotas. By 0000 on the 25th it was near Thunder Bay at 997mb. The highest wind in this storm was 38 kn out of the south with rain showers over Lake Michigan on the 25th by the LEWIS WILSON FOY. The J.L. Mauthe had 31-kn winds on Lake Superior on the 26th.

JUNE

This was a quiet month as far as well-organized cyclones with only one. Most of the ship observations of winds over 30-kn were associated with a cyclone on the 8th and 9th. June had more low visibility observations and the highest percentage of the lakes. There were also many thunderstorm type observations. The basin was generally one to two degrees above normal in temperature with a four degree area in southern Michigan and zero degrees over Lake Ontario.

Frontal waves were moving northward on a stationary north-south front over the Plains States. On the 8th one of them developed rapidly and was 983 mb north of Duluth at 1200. At 1800 the JAMES R. BARKER near Duluth measured 42-kn west-southwest winds. This was the strongest for the month. Duluth measured 46 mi/hr. On the 9th the GEORGE A. STINSON in the same area measured 40-kn winds. There were some 32-kn winds on Lakes Huron and Michigan. The storm had raced to northern Quebec by 1200. There were reports 18-ft waves on Lake Michigan and 20-ft waves on Lake Huron by the J.A.W. IGLEHART and 18-ft waves by the PRESQUE ISLE on Lake Michigan.

During the month some of the weather stations on the shore had high winds and gusts (in mi/hr); Cleveland - 51, Milwaukee - 53, Green Bay - 46, and Buffalo - 43. All with thunderstorms.

JULY

This was a quiet month. Weak cyclones moved over the Basin but the stronger cyclones were to the north. There were three wind reports over 30-kn, one each by three ships. On the 7th the EDWIN H. GOTT on Lake Michigan and the COLUMBIA STAR on Lake Huron had 32-kn winds. The PRESQUE ISLE also had 32-kn winds on Lake Michigan on



Figure 10.-- Yachys leaving the St. Clair River for the annual Port Huron to Mackinac race. Photo by Albert G. Ballert, Great Lakes Commission.

the 9th with a thunderstorm. The BURNS HARBOR had 18-ft waves on Lake Michigan on the 14th, and the PRESQUE ISLE had 18-ft waves on Lake Superior on the 15th. There were 18 observations of thunderstorms, lightning, or squalls (fig. 10).

Sault Ste Marie had gusts up to 58 mi/hr. with thunder on the 14th. There was a frontal system moving over the Lakes. On the 9th and 10th Milwaukee had 74 and 81 mi/hr gusts. On the 11th a 36-ft powerboat was sunk by high waves in Lake Ontario 2 mi north of Rochester. Record low temperatures were set in many places over the Basin on the 8th and at Chicago and Detroit on the 30th. The mean temperature was normal over the northern part of the Lakes to minus 2°F over the south.

AUGUST

The Basin was under the influence of anticyclonic southwesterly flow in the mean. Weak cyclones and fronts moved over the area periodically with attendant thunderstorms. The stronger cyclones passed north of the Basin. The mean temperature was 2° to 3°F above normal for the month.

The highest wind by a ship was 40-kn on Lake Huron on the 10th in a thunderstorm by the PRESQUE ISLE. The other reports were less than 34-kn on Lakes Michigan and Superior. There were 31 thunderstorm type severe weather reports. No waves over 12-ft were reported. There were four reports of 32- and 33-kn winds on the 30th and 31st as a front moved across the Basin by the BENSON FORD, J.L. MAUTHE, SPARROWS POINT, and H. LEE WHITE.

Heavy rains caused considerable flood damage to the Cleveland area on the 15th. On the 30th the winds reached 53 mi/hr at Erie, PA.

SEPTEMBER

The Great Lakes were under the influence of high pressure for a greater part of the month than low pressure which is normal. There were three significant cyclones that passed over or near the Basin. The mean temperature was normal over eastern lower Michigan and central Lake Erie. Northern Lake Superior was 3°F colder than normal and Lake Ontario 4°F colder. The highest wind was 40-kn over Lakes Huron and Erie and not associated with thunderstorms. The highest waves were 20-ft on Lake Michigan.

The first storm formed on the lee side of the Rocky Mountains over Alberta. At 1200 on September 7 it was still over Saskatchewan but the southerly flow already reached Lake Huron. The HERBERT C. JACKSON on Lake Michigan had 39-kn winds from the south. At 1800 the GEORGE A. SLOAN near Milwaukee measured 38-kn winds and 15-ft seas. At 1200 on the 8th the storm center was holding back near Winnipeg but the frontal system had moved out of the LOW and over the Great Lakes. The MYRON C. TAYLOR had 32-kn winds. At 1800 the SPARROWS POINT near Green Bay had 37-kn winds from 210° and 20-ft seas. The frontal system had stalled over the Lakes just west of Lake Michigan by 1200 on the 9th. The BENSON FORD near Buffalo had 40-kn south winds. The storm was falling apart.

The second storm came out of Montana and

moved north of Lake Superior on the 13th. It produced minimal gale-force winds on Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior. The EDGAR B. SPEER had 38-kn south winds with a thunderstorm. The WILLIAM A. ROESCH had 35-kn winds also with a thunderstorm. The storm was out of the area early on the 14th.

This third storm was a front wave over Iowa on the 24th. On the 25th the H. LEE WHITE had 34-kn northeast winds on Lake Superior. At 1200 the storm was centered over Sault Ste Marie. The storm kept increasing in strength and was near James Bay at 0000 on the 26th. Several ships reported winds over 30-kn. The JOHN G. MUNSON measured 40-kn northwest winds on Lake Huron at 0600. There were no more winds over 30-kn reported after 0600.

OCTOBER

This was a relatively quiet month on the Great Lakes, especially the first half. The temperature averaged 3°F above normal for the month. There was widespread fog over the Lakes the second week of the month. Traffic was temporarily stopped on the Detroit River because of low visibilities the 15th to 19th (fig. 11).

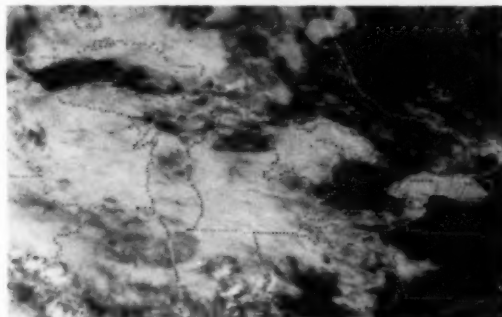


Figure 11.— Fog almost completely covers Lakes Huron and Erie. There appears to be higher clouds over the fog on Lake Michigan. NOAA.

There was a 118 vehicle accident on Interstate 94 south of downtown Milwaukee the afternoon of the 14th. There were 43 people injured in the accidents. The weather station at Mitchell Field 5 mi to the south was reporting the visibility as less than 100 ft. The afternoon of the 16th in dense fog in the Pelee Passage the FRONTENAC brushed the WILLIAM A. LYDON which was towing three barges. One of the barges was badly damaged but did not sink. The mean pressure for the month was 2 mb above normal. The primary cyclones occurred the last half of the month. The highest wind was 45-kn and highest waves 16-ft.

A frontal wave raced northward west of the Lakes on the 15th and 16th. Another wave developed on the 16th and the center passed west of the Lakes but the southerly flow brought high winds to Lakes Michigan and Superior. The H. LEE WHITE had 42-kn winds from 200° on Superior. The highest wind on Michigan was 36-kn by the EDGAR B. SPEER. By the 18th the storm had combined with the first one.

This storm formed over Colorado early on the 18th and moved northeastward. There were more

high wind reports with this storm than any of the others this month. At 1200 on the 19th the center was 986 mb near St. Paul, MN. There were two reports of 45-kn winds, one on Lake Superior by the EDWARD B. GREENE, and the other by the GEORGE A. SLOAN on Lake Michigan. At 1200 on the 20th the storm was north of Duluth. The MYRON C. TALOR had 40-kn southwest winds on Lake Huron. The WOLVERINE had 39-kn west winds on Huron. The COLUMBIA STAR found the 16-ft waves on Lake Superior. On the 21st the storm was no longer of consequence.

Montana produced this storm on the 26th. There was already cyclonic circulation west of the Lakes so it quickly developed a large circulation. At 1200 on the 28th it was 974 mb over James Bay. There were two 45-kn wind reports on Lake Superior, one by J.A.W. IGLEHART and the other by the EDWIN H. GOTT. The EDGAR B. SPEER had 44-kn winds. The COLUMBIA STAR also on Lake Superior had 15-ft seas. The BURNS HARBOR had 34-kn on Lake Michigan and the JOHN G. MUNSON had 38-kn on Lake Huron. By the 29th high pressure was over the Lakes.

NOVEMBER

As usual November was a very stormy month and probably the worst of the year on the Lakes. It is a transition month from Fall to Winter type weather. In general the weather was warmer than normal except over Lake Huron and Ontario. The highest waves of the year - 21-ft - occurred on Lake Superior on November 1. The highest reported wind of 45-kn also occurred that day on the same Lake, but not at the same time or by the same ship (fig. 12).

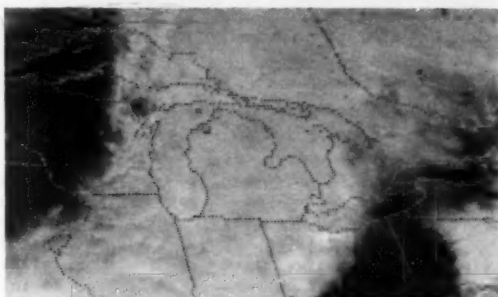


Figure 12.-- The frontal boundary as it appeared at 1730 on November 1. NOAA.

The first storm of the month started gathering strength the last of October. As the month started the storm was 998 mb centered over Lake Winnipeg. At this time the EDWIN H. GOTT, north of Whitefish Bay measured 45-kn southeast winds. At 1200 the center of the storm was approaching Hudson Bay. The cold front was over Lakes Superior and Michigan. At 1800 the COLUMBIA STAR was south of Isle Royale with 40-kn west winds and 21-ft seas. On the 2d the H. LEE WHITE On Lake Michigan had 40-kn west winds. The WILLIAM A. ROESCH on Lake Huron had 44-kn winds. The LOW had moved into northern Quebec and the cold front was on the U.S. East Coast.

This storm organized over Kansas on the 9th.

By the 10th its winds had reached the Lakes. The WILLIAM J. DELANCEY on western Lake Superior had 37-kn northeast winds. On the 11th the storm was south of Chicago. The EDWIN H. GOTT On Lake Michigan had 40-kn winds. The J.A.W. IGLEHART on Lake Huron had 32-kn winds. The storm was near Buffalo on the 12th. The BENSON FORD on Lake Huron measured 43-kn north winds with heavy rain and snow. The IGLEHART near Cleveland had 33-kn northwest winds. By the 13d the storm was out of the area.

Montana produced this storm on the 14th. There already was southerly circulation from high pressure over the midwest so it quickly became a large storm. The GEORGE A. SLOAN on Lake Michigan had 32-kn south winds. At 1200 on the 15th the LOW was 996 mb near International Falls. There were many gale-force winds this day. The EDGAR B. SPEER near Chicago had 40-kn west winds. At 1200 on the 16th the storm was centered north of Ottawa. The CASON J. CALLAWAY on Lake Michigan had 44-kn winds from 290°. Several ships had 13-ft seas and many had gale-force winds. On the 17th the LOW was over the Labrador Sea but the cyclonic circulation still reached the Great Lakes. The JAMES R. BARKER had 42-kn northwest winds with 13-ft waves on Lake Superior. Three other ships had 40-kn winds. The BENSON FORD measured 31- and 32-kn winds on Lake Superior early on the 18th. After that time the storm was no longer an influence.

The remainder of the month was quiet weatherwise and the Lakes were under the influence of high pressure except for the last few days.

The Seaway was closed on November 21 when the Larocque Bridge at Valleyfield, Quebec became stuck midway open. It was finally opened again on December 9. There were reportedly 99 vessels waiting to pass downbound and 61 upbound on December 9, the weather was favorable during the closed period and afterwards so all vessels were able to transit the system.

DECEMBER

Luckily for the ships awaiting repair of the Larocque Bridge over the St. Lawrence the temperature this month averaged above normal. At Buffalo the temperature averaged 6.8°F above normal. On the 16th and 17th many cities set new records above 60°F. The 28th and 29th brought another record warm spell again with temperatures in the 60° range.

The first significant storm came off the east side of the Rocky Mountains on the 2d. At 1200 on the 3d it was 1001 mb near Sault Ste Marie. The first high winds were reported at 0000 on the 3d. At 1800 the GEORGE A. STINSON reported 47-kn west winds with snow showers on Lake Huron. Sault Ste Marie had over 9 in of snow. At 1200 on the 4th the storm was centered east of the James Bay. There were several gale reports. The J.L. MAUTHE On Lake Michigan had 40-kn winds with a half inch of ice on the ship. The WOLVERINE on Lake Superior had 35-kn winds. On the 5th this storm had moved northeastward and a front was approaching Lake Superior.

This storm was a frontal passage with a weak frontal wave. The LOW was over northern Quebec

as the front approached on the 5th. At 1700 the CITY OF MIDLAND on Lake Michigan measure 32-kn southwest winds. The LEWIS WILSON FOY on Lake Superior found 33-kn winds and had 8cm (3.2 in) of ice on the hull. On the 6th the front stretched north-south across lower Michigan. The tight gradient was in the cold air west of the front. The J.L. MAUTHE On Lake Michigan measured 44-kn northwest winds in moderate snow. The H. LEE WHITE had 40-kn winds with snow in the past hour also on Lake Michigan. The GEORGE A. STINSON had 16-ft waves on Lake Superior. Early on the 7th the CASON J. CALLAWAY on Lake Huron had 38-kn winds. By 1200 another front was approaching the western Lakes.

This was the system that tied the highest wind of 56-kn for the year. A sharp ridge separated this storm and the one above on the 7th so within hours after that storm this one was bringing strong winds. The GEORGE A. STINSON was on Lake Superior at 0600 with 40-kn southwest winds. At 1200 she had 13-ft seas. The CITY OF MIDLAND sent a 2300 observation on Lake Michigan of 32-kn. On the 8th the front was over Lake Huron. At 0000 the WOLVERINE east of Alpena had 36-kn winds which increased to 56-kn by 0600 (fig. 13). The sky was overcast but no significant weather. By the 9th the storm was out of the area.

This was another case of a frontal passage with the LOW hundreds of miles to the north. The first strong winds of 34-kn were measured on Lakes Michigan and Superior on the 11th. The PAUL THAYER measured 34-kn south winds on Lake Superior. At 2300 the CITY OF MIDLAND on Lake Michigan measured 48-kn winds. At 1200 on the 12th the front paralleled Lake Michigan. The WOLVERINE had 35-kn southwest winds on Lake Huron. At 2300 the CITY of MIDLAND still had

48-kn winds with heavy drizzle. There were no more high winds by the 13th as high pressure moved into the area.

There was a very complicated weather pattern on the 15th over the central United States that extended into Canada. By 1200 on the 16th a LOW over Minnesota had partially consolidated the weather pattern. Milwaukee had 38 mi/hr with gusts to 51 mi/hr. The GEORGE A. STINSON on Lake Superior on 1800 had 32-kn south winds. On the 17th the H. LEE WHITE On Lake Michigan measured 48-kn southwest winds. The STINSON had 13-ft waves. By 1200 the LOW had raced to Labrador.

This LOW formed on the lee slopes of the Colorado Rockies on the 21st. It moved eastward then northeastward. At 2300 the ROGER M. KYES on Lake Huron had 44-kn southeast winds and 13-ft seas in heavy rain. At 0000 on the 22d the storm was 984 mb near Green Bay. The GEORGE A. STINSON now had 47-kn northwest winds on Lake Superior. Buffalo had 40 mi/hr winds with gusts to 52 mi/hr. The storm was out of the area on the 23d.

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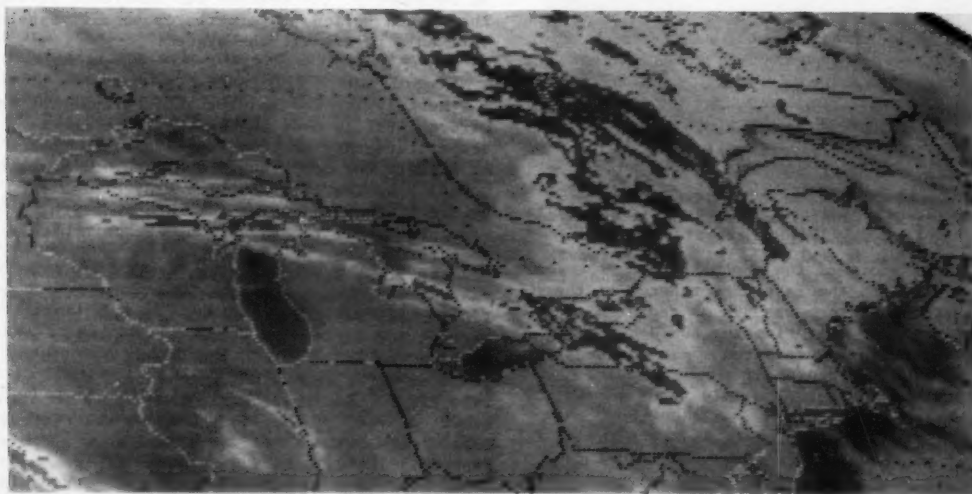


Figure 13.-- This infrared image was taken at 0600 On December 8 (midnight local). There were only a few clouds over Lake Huron at the time the 56-kn winds were recorded. NOAA.

UNDER THE BANGLADESH CYCLONE

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The old adage "any port in a storm" as most sailors know "ain't necessarily so." This is especially true when the storm is an Indian Ocean tropical cyclone closing in on the northern Bay of Bengal. In these cases, 10-to-20-ft deep-water waves are preferable to a 10-to-20-ft storm tide at Chittagong or Cox's Bazar. And either is certainly preferable to living on one of the low lying islands in the delta region known as the Mouths of the Ganges. One night this past May residents of these numerous islands clung precariously to life as a 10-ft wall of water threatened to wash their world into the Bay of Bengal. For thousands it succeeded (fig. 14).



Figure 14.—This Sandwip Island woman survived but lost her family to the storm tide.

A tropical cyclone's power is measured in different ways. North Pacific typhoon Tip was noted for its record low 870-mb pressure along with 165-kn winds. Hurricane Camille in the North Atlantic generated a 72-ft extreme wave while a South Indian Ocean cyclone dumped 73.62 in. of rain on Reunion Island in a 24-hr period. In the North Indian Ocean an unfortunate measure of a storm's potency is often the number of lives it has claimed. By this measure the May 1984 cyclone was easily outdistanced by a November 1970 cyclone during which an estimated 300 thousand people died. However in this era when satellites and computers bring advance notice of impending disasters it is difficult to fathom a loss of nearly 6,000 lives in a single event. In these situations the solution lies beyond the grasp of the meteorologist.

Bangladesh, once the eastern province of Pakistan, is a country about the size of Wisconsin into which 100 million people are packed and about 7,000 are born each day. The country with its broad, flat landscape cut by the Ganges and Brahmaputra Rivers is susceptible to the ravages of tropical cyclones and

monsoons. One third of the country floods each year as monsoon rains drive rivers over their banks. In the delta region thousands of islands are created and swept away from the tons of silt deposited by the two major river systems, which wind their way from the Himalayas. The silt shifts continuously, eroding some islands and creating new ones. These shifting islands, called "Chars", are crowded with farmers who come to plant and harvest rice and graze cattle on the rich soil. Unlike the Netherlands, Bangladesh has no dikes and evacuation is extremely difficult. After the disastrous 1970 storm, on the more stable islands, the government built hundreds of multistory concrete shelters, which are used year-round for offices and schools. In addition they put up sirens, distributed radios, built up embankments and planted mangrove forests on these islands. This then was the scene for the May cyclone.

In the North Indian Ocean (Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea) an average of four or five tropical cyclones develop each year. May, October and November are the most likely months. Bay of Bengal storms have long been recognized as killers. As far back as 1737 a 40-ft "wall of water" was reported to have caused some 30 thousand deaths. (table 8). The November 1970 storm pushed a 20-ft storm surge into Bangladesh and across its offshore islands. This storm also generated 130-kn winds, which added to the devastation. Since 1960, Bangladesh has been the scene of nine such disasters with maximum storm tides ranging from 12 to 20 ft.

Table 8—Some of the more significant storm tide disasters in the Bay of Bengal

Date	Area affected	Maximum + storm tide (ft)	Maximum winds (kn)	Estimated deaths
1737 (Oct.)	South of Calcutta	40		300,000
1789 (Dec.)	Coringa			30,000
1864 (Oct.)	Calcutta	40		80,000
1876 (Oct.)	Bakarganj	30-40		215,000
1885 (Sept.)	False Point	22		10,000
1926 (May)	Burma			1,200
1941 (June)	Berisal			5,000
1942 (Oct.)	Bengal	16	80-85	40,000
1949 (Oct.)	Southeastern India			1,000
1960 (Oct.)	Bangladesh	12	60	6,000
1960 (Oct.)	Bangladesh	20	113	4,000
1961 (May)	Bangladesh	16	90	2,000
1963 (May)	Bangladesh		130	22,000
1964 (Dec.)	Ceylon	15-20		1,800
1965 (May)	Bangladesh	12	85	15,000
1965 (Dec.)	Bangladesh	12	120	15,900
1970 (Nov.)	Bangladesh	20	130	300,000
1971 (Oct.)	Orissa	20	100	10,000
1977 (Nov.)	Southeastern India	19	135	14,000
1979 (May)	Southeastern India	13	85	700
1984 (Nov.)	Southeastern India	10	85	430
1985 (May)	Bangladesh	15	60	11,000

*In most early storms, these are estimates

Two decades ago cyclones often appeared with very little warning. On May 28, 1963 the hot humid weather that had plagued Bangladesh was tempered by an evening breeze. Within a few hours the breeze became a gale, the gale a hurricane. Before it ended the coast reeled under a 15 hr pounding of winds and waves. At Chittagong winds reached 130-kn while the resort

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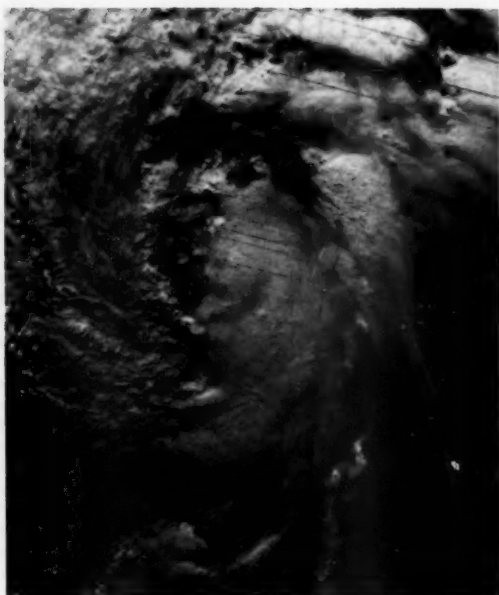


Figure 15.--A satellite image of the storm at 0108 on 24 May, 1985.

town of Cox's Bazar lay in ruins. Captain H. D. Smith, master of the INDIA MAIL, which was docked at Chittagong during the blow, wrote: "Perhaps the most outstanding and pathetic

features of this storm were the insufficient warning for a storm of this magnitude and the phenomenal suddenness with which the storm came to vanish after a short but lethal duration."

With the increased use of satellites for detection, analysis and communication very few storms come as a surprise. However on this gloomy night in May modern technology was limited by centuries of tradition in the assistance it could provide the people of Bangladesh.

The tropical storm was first detected by the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) Satellite Analysis Branch on the 22d. They, in turn, relayed the storm's position and intensity to Bangladesh and continued to do so until after the storm moved ashore (fig. 15). They also provided information to the Agency for International Development (AID) and World Vision once the cyclone threatened Bangladesh.

Early indications of the storm came in the form of warnings to ships issued on the 22d at 0000 for gales and 12-to-18-ft seas between Sri Lanka and the Nicobar Islands. At this time there was no closed circulation but the disturbance was embedded in the early southwest monsoon, which was responsible for its intensity. The southwest flow over the North Indian Ocean was also helping to push water toward the Bangladesh coast. The first warning from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center was issued on the 23d at 1500 for tropical cyclone 01-B with a 1200 position of 17.3°N, 88.0°E. Maximum sustained winds were estimated at 40-kn. By



Figure 16.--Shelters such as this one on Urir Char helped save hundreds of lives. Survivors are lining up for relief supplies. WIDE WORLD Photo.

1200 on the 24th maximum winds were up to 55-kn with gusts to 70-kn and the center was within 150 mi of landfall. Winds increased to a peak of 60-kn within the next 8 hr. The full force of the storm was felt on the evening of the 24th as a storm surge estimated between 10 and 20-ft rolled across the low lying islands and swept ashore over southern Bangladesh.

The islands were completely inundated and people that couldn't make it to concrete shelters (fig. 16), held on to anything they could. They clung to roofs and the bamboo poles of their thatched huts. Some were able to survive by grabbing hold of the young trees of those mangrove forests planted a decade ago. However in many cases children, who make up about one-half of the island population, were unable to cling to anything and were swept away. On the lower islands, where dirt pathways crisscross rice fields, people live in small settlements of huts built on dirt mounds. Thousands of these mounds lay bare after the storm (fig. 17). Fortunately most of the rice crop had been harvested but tens of thousands of animal carcasses littered the landscape.

The islands that suffered the most damage were Sandwip, Hatia, Mahesh Khali, Bhola, Urir Char, Char Clerk and Dhal Char. On Urir Char survivors (fig. 18) described the surge as a wave that "came like a big wall". An accurate assessment of damage and death will never be available in an area whose population shifts like the islands. It is known that thousands of lives were saved by the early warnings, the concrete shelters, and the rescue efforts of the Bangladesh Navy.

Further inland the torrential rains caused additional flooding in Bangladesh and Northeast India. Some 50 thousand people were affected

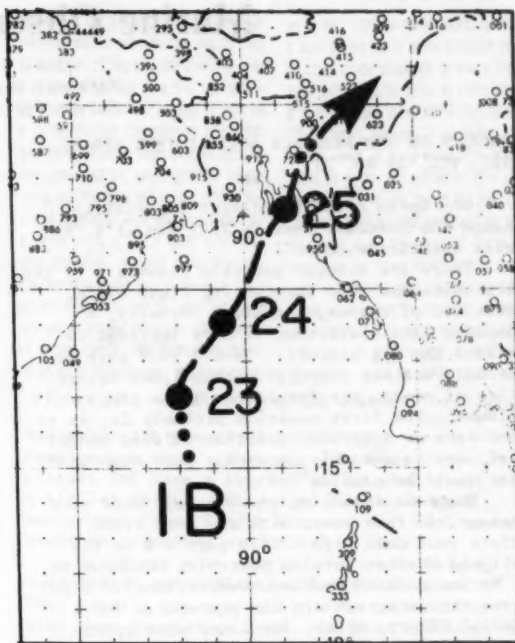


Figure 18.— The track of tropical cyclone 01-B.

when rivers breached their embankments. Tripura and Manipur States were the hardest hit.

While the estimate of 6,000 deaths seems needlessly tragic in this advance age, it is quite a bit lower than it would have been a decade or two ago.



Figure 17.—A post storm prayer is offered as construction begins on a bamboo and metal shelter. In the background is one of the many barren mounds that a few days ago supported a hut. WIDE WORLD Photo.

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FEEDBACK ON THE FEEDBACK ARTICLE (MWL SPRING 1985, VOL. 29 NO. 2)

Why Doesn't the Forecaster Immediately Change the Forecast When We Tell Him It's "60 Knots With Gusts to 90"?

There are several possible reasons: If the forecaster has been forecasting light winds, there is, of course, a reason. Usually, a computer data field that is more inclined to present the big picture. Should your ship be the only weather reporter within 1,000 square miles of ocean, the forecaster has a real dilemma. The first question probably is, is it good data or a garbled position or wind speed? Next, why is one ship reporting such high wind? What could be causing it?

There is something you can do. Send your message, in this case, with the word STORM before your call sign. (See page 1-9 in the National Weather Service Observing Handbook No. 1, Marine Surface Weather Observations). Right above the paragraph are the procedures for a Special Report, SPREP, for lower wind speeds that don't fit the forecast.

Either of these reports may be sent at any time and will provide a special alert for the forecaster. It is important to send in at least an hourly abbreviated report (first 5 groups through Nddff plus the pressure, weather, and sea groups) until the forecast is changed. This does two things: first, it verifies your position and the weather conditions, and second, hourly reports certainly get attention, particularly with a STORM or SPREP lead.

The forecaster is hundreds, sometimes thousands, of miles away from your ship's position and it is only through your weather report that he knows what is happening at your position. Even if you see other ships in the area, don't depend upon them to send the weather report for you. If they are reporting, that's good; it immediately verifies the weather conditions. Two final points, only you know the weather at your position, fair weather or foul. The forecaster doesn't know whether he has hit or missed the forecast unless you send him a comment.

How Does the Comment or Feedback System Work?

You may make comments on the back of the "Ship's Weather Observations," NOAA Form 72-1A, or on a separate paper. The 72-1A is mailed in a preaddressed envelope (usually located with the forms on the bridge) and mailed to your ship's servicing Port Meteorological Officer (PMO). He will read your observations and comments and may take immediate action, send a copy to a forecaster, and send a copy to me. I get to see all comments primarily to be sure action, as appropriate, is taken. This also applies to communications comments. We have had some excellent feedback from radio officers and

have often been successful in getting changes because of the feedback.

What Should My Ship be Getting by Mail?

All Voluntary Observing Ships (VOS) in our program should receive by mail the quarterly Mariners Weather Log and the appropriate Pilot Chart, Atlantic or Pacific or both. The weekly Notice to Mariners may come from your company or by direct mail. The two communications manuals Radio Stations Accepting Ships' Weather and Oceanographic Observations and World Wide Marine Weather Broadcasts are both being reprinted and the new manuals will be mailed to all the VOS ships in our program. All of the materials of your program are free to participating ships.

The servicing PMO's, whose address appears on your preaddressed envelopes, will look for checks on the "Supplies Needed" check list and mail or bring the materials you request aboard on the next port call.

How Do I Get A PMO to Visit My Ship?

As you say, page 1-14 in the National Weather Service Observing Handbook No. 1 is out of date. We now put an updated PMO List on the back cover of every issue of the Mariners Weather log. Have your agent or company contact the appropriate PMO with the dates you will be alongside in the port or set a specific day and time, if you want to talk with him personally. Of course, remember that there is no PMO staff, and only one PMO in each of the specified ports.

Why Apparent Wind?

The next few comments came from Castine, Maine (can't read the signature).

Apparent wind direction and speed are observed from an anemometer or, as mentioned on pages 2-42 of National Weather Service Observing Handbook No. 1, from something on the ship, not directly from the ocean. The question probably refers to the "Apparent Wind" columns on the Ship's Weather Observations, NOAA Form 72-1A. These columns and the "Wet Bulb," "Remarks," etc. are shaded and are for local use as a notebook. If you estimate the wind from the look of the sea directly, you are estimating true wind, so the apparent wind column would not be used.

Why Cloud Height and How Accurate Should It Be?

The marine and land synoptic report forms are designed to be the same where possible. Cloud height is primarily used at airports on land, where they have instruments to measure cloud height. It appears in the same form on the ship synoptic code; however, I have rarely seen it used on weather maps.

Wicking on Wet Bulb Thermometer

Yes, the PMO, as part of his visit routine,

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Radar-Weather and Waves

Many issues back in the Mariners Weather Log, I suggested that some radars could be used to detect and track weather, including waves. The face of the wave, as you look upwind will be steeper than the downwind side; so it will produce a stronger, brighter, sea clutter echo upwind, toward the true wind direction.

Second Officer M.D. Sajjad Murshed of the M.V. SEAKITTIE sent in the excellent radar plotting sheet showing the sea clutter extension to the northeast and east in figure 21. The wind was from 060 degrees at 41 kn. As the wind jumped from 17 kn on the previous observation, a SPREP was correctly transmitted. The ship was located at 18.9°N and 144.6°W, course 269°, when this occurred.

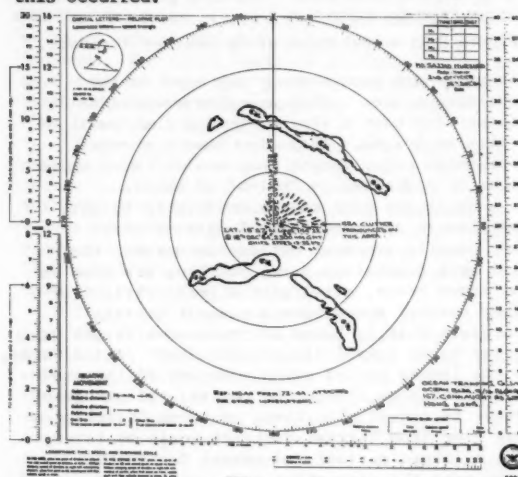


Figure 21. -- Sea Clutter points out wind direction.

PORT METEOROLOGICAL OFFICER CONFERENCE

Because of schedule conflicts the PMO conference dates have been changed to October 29 through October 31.

MEXICO MARINE OBSERVATIONS PROGRAM

It has been reported to me that there is a noticeable increase in the number of ship reports in Mexican waters which is very gratifying. This has also had an effect on the number of reports in the mid and upper Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf of Mexico has always been a hard place to get ship reports, possibly because of traffic.

As part of this same program, we are going to loan the Mexican government a Shipboard Environmental Data Acquisition System (SEAS) terminal. It will be installed on a PEMEX oil platform in the eastern Bay of Campeche. The SEAS will transmit to the GOES satellite and from there the weather report will be relayed to the National Meteorological Center (NMC) at Suitland, Maryland, near Washington, D.C. From NMC, the report will be relayed to Mexico City over the Global Telecommunications System.

THANKS

The PMO's forecasters, and of course, myself wish to thank the many masters and observers who have taken the time to write us or use the "Ship's Weather Observation" NOAA Form 72-1A comment page. They have helped to bring about many changes and improvements. We unfortunately, do not have enough time to respond to all, but we try to summarize the general points in the Mariners Weather Log. Again, thanks, and keep them coming.

Tips to the Radio Officer

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WORLDWIDE MARINE WEATHER BROADCASTS (January 1985 Edition)

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MAJOR MARINE WEATHER RADIOFACSIMILE SCHEDULES

The Northwest Ocean Service Center, Seattle, WA has published a booklet entitled Major Marine Weather Radiofacsimile Schedules, Pacific Ocean. It will be updated semi-annually. The publication may be obtained from the: Northwest Ocean Service Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115, telephone: 206-526-NOAA.

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4053.5 (1800-0600Z); 17385 (0600-1800Z); 7453 (C)
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: 7669.5, 8506, 20470, 23682

- NOTES:
- CP - COMPUTER PRODUCT
 - NC - NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC PREDICTION
 - NR - NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC REGIONAL ATMOSPHERIC PREDICTION
 - NMC - NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTER (WASHINGTON D.C.)
 - FB - FLATTENED SCANNING PROCESS
 - IN - IN HOUSE PREPARED PRODUCT
- PROJECTION AREAS:
1. POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC-24N, 029E/55W, 065E/63W, 050W/27E, 012W
 2. POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC-16N, 034E/54W, 087E/55W, 068W/16W, 014W
 3. POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC-27E, 042E/49W, 049E/49W, 011E/27E, 017E
 4. POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC-27E, 023E/45W, 030E/46W, 013W/27E, 006W
 5. POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC-20N, 034E/44W, 048E/51N, 017W/20N, 007W
 6. INDIAN OCEAN MERCATOR-10S, 090E/50W, 090E/50E, 020E/10E, 020E
 7. POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC-60N, 030W/55W, 050E/20W, 010W/20E, 030E
 8. POLAR STEREOGRAPHIC-26N, 010E/74W, 020E/40W, 065W/17W, 034W
 9. NORTH ATLANTIC-27N, 020E/78W, 040E/46W, 064W/20W, 023W

TIPS TO THE RADIO OFFICER (from Jerry Nickerson)

NIGHTTIME WEATHER REPORTS

The weather is continually changing and some people are more affected by these changes than others. Ships at sea are greatly affected.

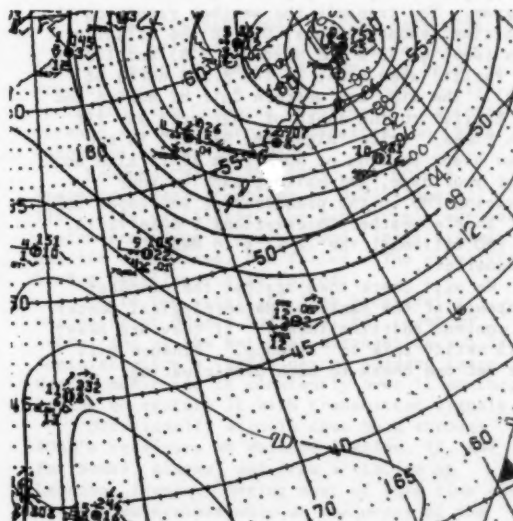
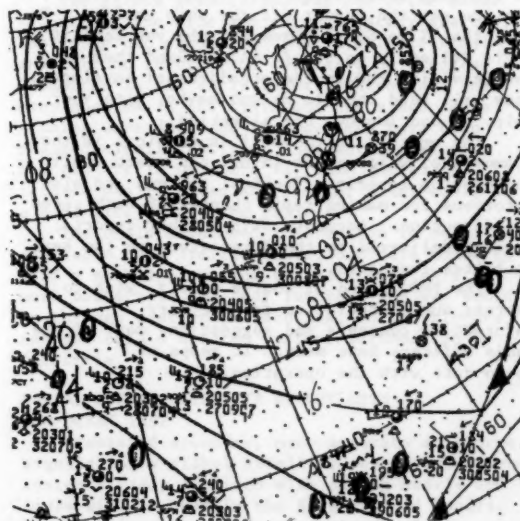


Figure 22. -- Notice the difference in the number of ship reports plotted on the 0000 chart (left) and the 1200 chart (right) for October 1.

MWL (fig. 22).

The little numbers in the dotted circle on the maps are ship reports that were too close to others to be plotted. They will be plotted around the border so the forecaster uses all the reports. They are circled in black for emphasis on the left map.

The reason for this difference between the daytime and nighttime weather reports is the radio officer is off watch and the weather report doesn't get transmitted. However, the observations are still being made and recorded. They are used for climatological purposes -- not forecasts. Everyone, including the radio officer, is entitled to time off after a long day's work, but the dilemma is -- how to get weather reports on that nearly blank nighttime weather map.

Last year, we asked a lot of radio officers for suggestions. Some said, "That's tough," but many said they got up once or twice at night anyway, so they would set an alarm and send the nighttime weather report. Some of you have done this, and it is greatly appreciated, as it makes a great difference in the early morning weather map.

Now we are going one step further by developing a voluntary test program in which we will give ten dollars (\$10.00) for each nighttime off-watch weather report from U.S. flagship radio officers, if their company is participating in the program. Because of the money-handling constraints at this time, this program must be limited to: 1. U.S. flag ships, 2. U.S. companies that enter into agreement with NWS on disbursing money, and 3. the radio officer must be off watch and participate as a volunteer.

All three conditions must be met. The way it will work is after your company officers have agreed with the National Weather Service (NWS) to disburse the program funds, they should notify you that you may participate in this program. You transmit the weather report on the nighttime synoptic hours, 06Z in the Atlantic area (west of 35°W and north of 3°N) and 12Z in the Pacific area (east of 160°E and north of 25°S). The mid- and western Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific to the south of that area may fit both times. Write "Nighttime Report" in the lower blank portion of NOAA Form 72-1A sign and print your name, and mail it back to your servicing PMO in the preaddressed envelopes for the "Ship's Weather Observations," NOAA 72-1A. The PMO will mail the 72-4A's to NWS Headquarters.

We will check them against the computer printouts at the National Meteorological Center for content and timeliness. If they are okay, we'll verify this to "Finance." Finance will make out one check to each participating

company. The company will disburse the program funds according to our list to the radio appropriate officers.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Please help us keep communications short and simple by using the following procedures to make weather reports:

INMARSAT

1. Select U.S. Coast Earth Station identification Code 01
2. Select routine priority.
3. Select duplex telex channel.
4. Initiate the call.
5. Upon receipt of GA+ (Go Ahead), select Code 41+.
6. The response will be our answerback, NWS OBS MHTS, which will appear on your screen.
7. Send your call and weather message. End the message with 5 periods.
8. Terminate the call with a manual disconnect.

You should NOT have any preamble, your answerback number, or your ship's name after the GA+. Your screen or message copy should look like this:

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GA+
41+
NWS OBS MHTS
WLXX 29003 99131 70808 42998 60909
22234 20201 30000 .....
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The GA+ and NWS OBS MHTS are answerbacks, the rest you add.

The Spring 1985 Volume 29, Number 2 has the complete communications procedures as does the annual "Hurricane Alert" letter.

GULF OF MEXICO REPORTS

Although we are getting more reports in the Gulf, a lot are still coming in quite late, often too late for the forecast. Can you help us out with some reasons for this. Better yet, can you get the report off the ship earlier. Be sure the "Time Sent" blank and who you sent it to is filled in on the 72-4A's. Send them to the Servicing PMO in the preaddressed envelopes. They will send them to me and maybe, with your help, we can improve the situation.

The weather in the Gulf is tropical in the summertime, which means things can start small and develop rapidly. Tropical systems are also notorious for making rapid changes of both speed and direction. Accurate ship weather reports, rapidly delivered to the forecaster are the keys to better forecasts.

The PMO's, and of course myself, wish to express our appreciation for the very informative comments and suggestions many of the radio officers have made. It keeps us up-to-date with the operation.

The Editor's Desk

EDITORIAL FROM THE MARINE OBSERVER

In the Spring 1985 issue of the *Mariners Weather Log* I reprinted an Editorial from the January, 1985 issue of *The Marine Observer*.

The Editorial was by Doctor John T. Houghton, Director-General of the UK Meteorological Office, not Captain John F. Houghton as indicated. My apologies to both Doctor Houghton and Captain Houghton.

Elwyn E. Wilson, Editor, *Mariners Weather Log*.

TIDAL DATA BY WEATHERFAX

Tide tables furnished by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) long have been a valuable aid to boaters, and soon that information may be available by weatherfax that could detail actual tide and current conditions.

Dr. John Hays, director of NOAA's Office of Oceanography and Marine Assessment, said a new system is being tested in the Delaware Bay and in Miami's Government Cut that may revolutionize tidal and currents information.

A system of sensors is placed in the body of water to be monitored and information on depth, tide and current is then relayed to a shore point, where the data can be transmitted to vessels preparing to enter the waterway.

The main advantage to this system is that the information details exact tidal and current action and not the hypothetical conditions that are predicted in tables. Currents can be affected by river flow, winds and other conditions that cannot be taken into account on the tables that are published.

The information being compiled now in Delaware and Miami is not currently available to the average boater, but it is being used by government analysts and in Miami by the Biscayne Bay Pilots Association.

The pilots association was the prime mover in getting the tide and currents study started. The group had complained that available tidal and current information was based on studies conducted in the early 1930s. There have been many changes in the basin and cut since those studies were done and the currents have been changed significantly. "They were working on the project in Delaware Bay when the pilots' request was received and thought Miami would be a good site to try the project."

The newly developed information is only available on a limited basis, but Hays hopes to find a method of making the data available to more boaters in the near future. One way would be through weatherfax machines, where skippers can now obtain updated weather information by facsimile.

SARSAT/COSPAS SATELLITE RESCUE GETS TWO-OCEAN TEST

Tests of speedier, more accurate shipborne signals for a global satellite search-and-rescue system already credited with saving nearly 400 lives will be held in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans this summer, was announced by NOAA.

The system, Search and Rescue

Satellite-Aided Tracking (SARSAT) and COSPAS, its Russian equivalent, is a multinational effort to save lives of mariners and airmen in distress.

The Commerce Department agency said the test will measure the seaworthiness of a new satellite emergency radio signal system operating on a 406 Megahertz (MHz) frequency, which has been found to be a major improvement over the international 121.5 MHz aircraft frequency, in use for the past half-century.

A joint exercise of NOAA and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), its principal participants are NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., and seven of NOAA's National Ocean Service ships.

The program will evaluate reliability and accuracy of shipborne distress beacons via two U.S. and two Soviet polar-orbiting satellites 500 mi above the earth. If the system is efficient, it may be adopted by the UN's International Maritime Organization (IMO) for use by the world's 45,000 merchant ships, beginning in 1993.

The system will let satellites report distress signals quickly from any spot on earth; the 121.5 MHz system blanks out large areas of the world. The 406 MHz system enables a satellite to record and store a signal and then transmit it to the first ground station encountered. It will also permit satellites to pinpoint distress locations within 1 to 5 mi, against the present 5 to 10 mi radius.

Now, both the distress site and the receiving station must be on a line of sight with the orbiting satellites. For example, signals from a ship sinking in the Pacific could be heard by a satellite but could not be relayed to rescue centers because there are no receiving stations in ocean areas.

SCIENTISTS SAVE NOAA WEATHER SATELLITE

A \$50 million polar-orbiting satellite, dead in space for nearly a year, has been brought back to life and is virtually fully operation, the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced on May 24, 1985.

Launched March 28, 1983, the NOAA 8 spacecraft began tumbling in orbit June 12, 1984. Its oscillator, the satellite's nervous system providing frequency and timing signals to all its subsystems, had failed. The satellite's backup oscillator also failed.

While the satellite flew erratically, engineers at NOAA's Suitland, Md., control center and at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) nearby Goddard Space Center monitored it constantly over 11 months, trying to restore it with transmitted signals.

Occasionally signals came back through NOAA's receivers at Wallops Station, VA. and Fairbanks, Alaska, and from a station at Lannion, France. During most of this time the craft's subsystems were at the mercy of the oscillator, and no recovery seemed possible.

In the last 2 months, however, signals

began to indicate that the backup instrument was beginning to assert control. The recovery effort went into high gear April 20 when the prime oscillator died and the craft's circuitry switched completely to the backup instrument. Tom Karras, NOAA's control center chief, mobilized his counterparts at NASA and at RCA Astro-Electronics Division, Princeton, N.J., builders of the spacecraft, for an all-out effort.

Under the guidance of Gay Hilton, NASA's meteorological satellite systems engineer at Goddard, RCA designed special computer instructions which were transmitted to NOAA 8's computer beginning May 1. This program used the pull of the earth's magnetic field to gradually halt the spacecraft's tumbling and spinning motion. At 6:18 p.m. Friday, May 10, the computer "sensed" that the spinning had stopped and issued signals that stabilized the spacecraft.

For the past week, the satellite has been

undergoing a complete checkup to determine whether its instruments are capable of functioning continuously 500 mi above the earth. After evaluating test results, NOAA and NASA today declared the spacecraft fully operational except for an atmospheric sounder which was damaged by the erratic flight of the past year.

After its instruments are calibrated with the earth data processing system, NOAA 8 will resume daily delivery on or about July 1 of a wide range of earth and atmospheric imagery and measurements to nations on four continents. The satellite's return to service will also double U.S. capability for the international satellite search and rescue system (SARSAT). For the past year and a half of the United States has had at most a single operational SARSAT-equipped craft aloft -- and for a six month period none -- while the Soviet Union, its rescue partner, had two such satellites operating.

NOAA-8 now teams up with NOAA-9, a twin weather/rescue satellite launched Dec. 12, 1984.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BERING SEA WEATHER: JANUARY 21 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15

This memorandum was sent by the Commanding Officer of the NOAA ship MILLER FREEMAN to the Director, Pacific Marine Center, Seattle, WA with a copy to the Mariners Weather Log. It describes the weather over the Bering Sea from January 21 through February 15, 1985.

The NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN operated in the Bering Sea from 21 January through 15 February, 1985. We experienced weather quite different from what we expected: air temperatures were initially quite warm, winds were southerly and variable in strength (ranging from 10 to 50 kn), and we encountered frequent squall lines as small scale LOWs and their associated fronts passed over the Aleutians from the south, traveling at 30-40 kn. The ship ported in Dutch Harbor in early February and we experienced spectacular weather: continued warm air temperatures, lower humidity and crystal clear skies.

For five days (February 4 through 8) we experienced surface pressures continuously above 1040 mb and as high as 1048 mb. ENS Kenneth Kramer, the ship's meteorology officer, advised that the surface high pressure system itself, was of the transitory type which generally accompany mid-latitude cyclonic circulations. The high pressure was able to build and persist as a result of an unusually strong ridge in the upper level. This particular upper level ridge pattern, known as an omega block, is a very

stable condition due to a split flow in the jet stream. This ridge had existed and had been a major influence on our weather patterns since we arrived at our working grounds in late January. Until February 8 we were on the west side of the upper level ridge, hence the strong southerly flow and unseasonably warm temperatures. However, with the slight retrograde in the position of this ridge we experienced northerly flow on the east side of both the upper level ridge as well as the accompanying surface high.

With the north wind ranging from 30 to 50 kn, air temperatures immediately dropped, seas rose and spray ice conditions developed rapidly. The surface pressure gradually fell as the axis of ridge moved away from our position and a stationary low pressure trough in the Gulf of Alaska became the dominate influence. Winds averaged 30 kn out of the north and temperatures averaged -5 degrees C for the remainder of our time in the Bering Sea. The upper level ridge gradually weakened and by February 16 became cut off thus enabling the transitory LOWs to track northeastward along the now continuous jet stream. On our transit to Kodiak, we were overtaken by a developing LOW with southeasterly 40 kn winds. The stable blocking ridge had broken down and we experienced the more familiar pattern of a continuous jet stream and transitory LOWs tracking from east of Japan to the Gulf of Alaska and eastward.

WATERSPOUT, SEPTEMBER 18, 1984

The following letter and photograph was received from John T. Peterlin III, Master of the Research Vessel ROBERT D. CONRAD. The ship is operated by Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory of Columbia University.

Dear Sirs,

I am enclosing with this correspondence three photographs for your attention and interest. The photographs were taken on 18 September, 1984 while this ship was conducting a



Figure 23.-- A close-up of the waterspout.

survey in the Central Atlantic. The waterspout shown was passed at its closest point at a distance of 0.5 nautical miles. The waterspout was sighted at 1922 hours while the ship was in Latitude 23° 28.7'N and Longitude 046° 12.5'W on a gyro course of 098 degrees true (fig.23). The photographs were taken from the ship's starboard Bridge Wing at a height above the water of

approximately twenty-eight feet at camera level. The meteorological conditions existing at the time were as follows: Wind ESE, force 3; Barometric pressure 1018.5 millibars and rising; Air Temperature - Dry bulb 27° Celsius, Wet bulb 24° Celsius; Sea Surface Temperature - 28.9 degrees Celsius. The waterspout was not accompanied by storm conditions or any other unusual weather conditions. The photograph was taken by this correspondent with a Minolta XG9 camera using Kodacolor VR 1000 film. The time of sighting given above is G.M.T.

The Research Vessel Robert D. Conrad is an AGOR class oceanographic research vessel operated by Lamont-Doherty. The ship was engaged at this time in geological and geophysical survey on a world-wide basis, spending an average of over three hundred days underway at work each year. We expect to surpass one million miles of research and survey track in the near future, accumulated over twenty working years on all of the world's oceans.

Hoping that you may find the enclosed photographs of some use I am,

Yours Sincerely,
John G. Peterlin III, Master

DOWNBURST WINDS

This letter was received from Robert D. O'Brien, Captain of the SCOTCH MIST II out of Lahaina Maui, Hawaii.

The 1985 Winter issue of Mariners Weather Log contained an article "Marine Observations Program" by J.W. Nickerson. The subject was Freak Waves and Extreme Storm Waves.

Mr. Nickerson was indicating the downburst phenomenon was the probably cause for the occurrence of such extreme waves. I have never experienced a wave of the type described, but have certainly been involved in a number of downbursts that were truly unsettling. All of my experience with the downburst has occurred on high performance sailing vessels either racing or in carrying passengers for hire.

I first became aware of their destructive power while sailing in the lee of the West Maui Mountains just south of the town of Lahaina in the Hawaiian Islands. In heavy northeast trade wind weather the wind will ascend the northeast side of the Island and rapidly descent the southwest side. The southwest air has been cooled by the approximate 5,500 ft elevation of the mountains so the descending air is denser than the normal surface air.

The normal condition in the area is a sea breeze in the 6-10 kn range which is generated by the land mass warming and pulling the cooler ocean air ashore in a typical thermal fashion. If the tradewinds are light (under 25 kn), the thermal updraft seems to keep the trade wind descent from hitting the surface. As the trades build however the downbursts break through and can cause the unwary some moments of extreme anxiety.

Mr. Nickerson's sketch figure 25a portrays the situation accurately for a moving weather

system. In a static situation (caused by a fixed object such as a mountain) an additional phenomenon can be observed. Between the leading edge of the downburst and the counter wind in front of it is a band of dead calm. This area of calm makes the downburst even more destructive to a vessel under sail power alone. The calm greatly reduces the vessels way on, so when the downburst hits the force causes even greater heeling force than it would if the vessel had good way on. If the vessel has way on the force will cause the vessel to heel, but a certain amount of the force will be absorbed as the vessel accelerates.

A sailor used to the local conditions will keep a weather eye out to the shore at all times. The difficulty would be magnified by darkness and the inability to see the downburst coming. The calm may lull the unwary into thinking the wind had quit and be unprepared for the downburst which may back the sails and cause extensive damage.

Normally as the wind increases a prudent sailor will reef so as to reduce heeling and the leeway resulting. The normal gust will cause the boat to heel a bit more, effectively reducing the sail surface presented to the wind. A downburst, however, will cause even greater heeling as the gust is closer to a right angle to the sails, so the safety valve effect of a reefed sail is negated.

Figure 24 shows sketches which may help in explaining the situation.

Downbursts also occur in the open ocean during heavy tradewind weather particularly at night. During the daytime the surface temperature is warmer which seems to serve as a cushion, so when a squall hits the increase in wind velocity is not nearly so great as at

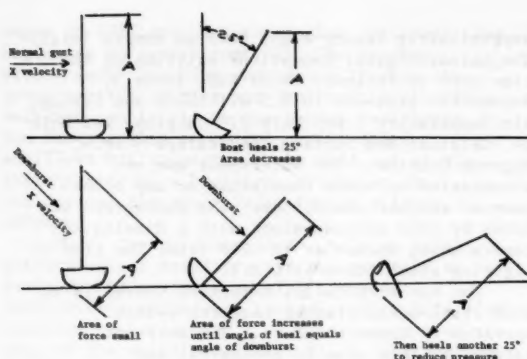


Figure 24.-- A sketch of how a normal gust and a downburst gust affects a sailboat.

night. This has been confirmed to me during the sailing of several races from the Mainland to the Hawaiian Islands.

I cannot say for certain, but it seems that the wind velocity produced from a squall is usually double that of the prevailing wind. It also seems that as the average wind velocity at the surface increases, the winds produced from a squall increase proportionately in velocity, and the air descends at a steeper angle.

The article mentions Stevenson's account of the sinking of the barque MARQUES. "The wind struck from the port quarter, the bow buried rolling the MARQUES on beam ends after 10 seconds". This statement is true of the reaction of any sailboat under the same conditions. The downward force of the wind buries the bow, and the sails which are on the starboard side (port tack) serve as a lever to spin the boat around the keel and at the same time cause the boat to heel over onto its beam ends. As this occurs the rudder is usually out of the water and the helm cannot respond. An open hatch lets in the sea, and the rest is history. The only way to counteract this is to bear off downwind as soon as the blast first hits, or if the helmsman can't react, release the sheets and let the sails flog. Two things that a duty watch on any sailboat must be always prepared to do at any moment.

A heavy displacement vessel is more susceptible to this situation than the lighter displacement vessels currently being raced today. Lighter displacement allows sudden force to be translated rapidly into acceleration rather than heeling moment. You can still get into trouble though, and the same recovery techniques are applicable.

The following excerpts from the log of SCOTCH MIST II illustrate a similar situation. The account was during the Race from Victoria BC, Canada to Lahaina Maui, July of 1982.

SCOTCH MIST II is a Santa Cruz 50 sloop built by Bill Lee Yachts of Soquel California. LOA 50', LWL 47.5', BEAM 12' DRAFT 8', BALLAST 8,000 LBS., DISP. 16,500 LBS.

Tuesday July 13: Race Day 11

Noon position: Lat. 27° 25'N, Long 137° 43'W.

Days run noon to noon 221 mi.

"The sea state is very confused due to a hurricane (Daniel) a thousand miles or so southeast of us. We are getting the normal trade wind swells from the northeast as well as a cross-swell from the southeast. The confusion makes for difficult steering and we are just on the verge of being out of control. About 2300 a whopper of a squall hits us and the wind goes up to 40 kn (apparent wind). The boat responds by taking off on a screaming plane that seems to last half an hour (probable duration 5 min.). We sustained speed over 18 kn, with bursts over 20 and finally a whopping 23 kn. Dave Nottage who is steering says in a voice about an octave higher than normal, "We have too much sail up". So we shortened down etc.

Thursday July 15, Race day 13

Noon position: Lat 25°. 56'N, Long 146°. 49'W.

Days Run noon to noon 248 mi.

"Nightfall finds us booming along in an ever-increasing wind. We should have known that something was in store for us, this being the 13th day. At 2300 that night all hell broke loose. A granddaddy squall hit with all the force of a runaway cement truck. We were knocked down flat for about 5 min. Nothing we did seemed to relieve the pressure. The main sail and vang were dumped, the spinnaker sheet set free, and the helm hard down to leeward. Finally after an eternity of agony, we were able to bear off and get her back on her feet. Getting the spinnaker down and all of the sheets and guys aboard was an all-hands effort that took another half-hour. During the process with only a main set we were still being knocked down and the decks were awash. It was a hold on for your life fire drill, and when it was all over we had lost a spinnaker sheet and guy, plus all the man overboard gear which had been lashed to the starboard side of the stern pulpit. Finally a No. 3 jib was swung out on a spinnaker pole. The boat was easy to control, and there was no loss of speed."

I might add the crew was a very experienced one indeed, and that safety harnesses are always worn at night. Two and a half days later we were the first to cross the finish line at Lahaina.

This second squall was one of the true downburst variety. It lasted for over two hr and with just a mainsail up our speed never dropped below 10 kn and we at times hit 18 kn. Wind speed was in the 40 kn range with gusts to 65 kn (true wind speed). It was not a pleasant experience, and I was glad to learn from your article what was really going on. Although we did not encounter any extreme wave per se, the sea generally became substantially steeper during the whole occurrence.

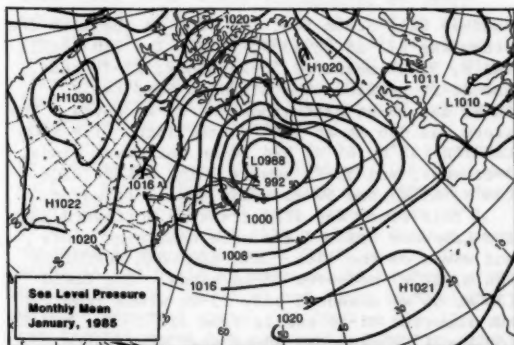
MARINE WEATHER REVIEW

The Weather Logs combined with the cyclone tracks, U.S. Ocean Buoy climatological data, gale and wave tables, and mean pressure patterns are a definitive report on the weather systems and primary storms which affected the North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans during this 3-mo period. Hurricane Alley lists and describes tropical cyclones worldwide. Unless stated otherwise, all winds are sustained winds and not gusts; all times are G.M.T.

North Atlantic Weather Log January, February and March 1985

WEATHER LOG, JANUARY 1985 - There were major differences in the storm tracks this month and the climatological tracks. The storms followed one of the climatological tracks that stretches from near Cape Hatteras to Cape Race and into the Labrador Sea. A climatological track from near Cape Hatteras to Iceland did not exist. The cyclones over the eastern half of the ocean were widely scattered. There were two cyclones that traversed the Mediterranean Sea and two more that entered the Ligurian Sea.

The mean sea-level pressure chart reflected the storm tracks or you could say help explain their displacement from normal. The Icelandic Low was 988 mb-13 mb lower than normal and displaced to 54°N, 52°W. This was about 600 mi southwest of its climatic position (fig. 25). The Azores High was near normal at 1021 mb at 28°N, 29°W. There was a 1011 mb LOW over the North Sea and another 1010 mb LOW near Rome, Italy. There was an anomalous HIGH north of Scoresby Sound on the east coast of Greenland.



southward along longitude 35°W to the subtropical High. There were two significant LOWs, one on each side of the ridge, over Labrador and Scotland. The cyclonic circulation around the Labrador LOW extended from Lake Winnipeg to south of Iceland and latitude 30°N to 80°N on the 23d. A few days later it broke up into many small LOWs. The end of the week one of these off New England developed into a severe storm. This storm dissipated by the end of the month and HIGHS over Spain and Bermuda were large features.

This storm formed north of the Azores on January 2. On the 3d it was 984 mb near 49°N, 27°W with storm-force winds. The TFL INDEPENDENCE (43°N, 33°W) measured 52-kn winds from the northwest. The GOTS (40°N, 29°W) also had 52-kn winds and she reported 41-ft seas, and 46-ft swells. The REYNOLDS (40°N, 30°W) had 44-kn winds, 33-ft seas, and 36-ft swells. By 1200 on the 4th there were four small LOW's in the circulation. ROMEC had 41-ft swells. The total circulation now included the Grand Banks. The SEDCO 706 had 50-kn west winds and 20-ft seas. The RAPID (44°N, 35°W) had 60-kn west winds and 25-ft seas. The ZABRZE (49°N, 18°W) had 60-kn southeast winds, 12-ft seas, and 38-ft swells. Her winds were 55-kn and swells 36-ft on the 5th. The SEA-LAND VOYAGER (49°N, 13°W) measured 48-kn winds and 30-ft swells. This storm was gone by the 6th.

The Gulf Stream off Cape Hatteras was the mother of this cyclone late on the 3d. It intensified rapidly to 976 mb off Cape Cod on the 5th. There already were storm-force winds and swells to 33-ft. At 1200 on the 6th the storm was 956 mb on the north coast of Newfoundland (fig. 26). There were many strong wind and high wave reports. SEDCO 706 reported 62-kn winds with others on the Grand Banks reporting up to 60-kn. The TFL FRANKLIN (35°N, 53°W) measured only

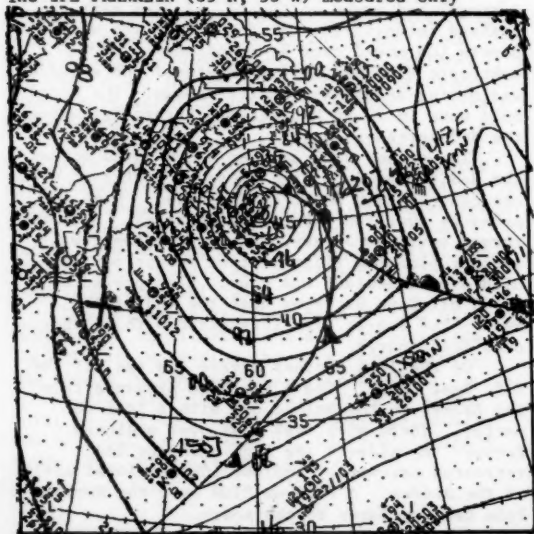


Figure 26.-- The storm as it appeared on the analysis of 0000 January 6.

38-kn with 12-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. The ROWAN JUNEAU (44°N, 60°W) measured 60-kn winds, no waves reported.

The storm was 970 mb over Goose Bay on the 7th and a frontal wave had formed near 51°N, 37°W. The many high wind and wave reports continued. The MAASSLOT (41°N, 51°W) had 50-kn winds and 33-ft seas and swells. The RAPID (48°N, 23°W) still had 50-kn winds and 30-ft swells. The ACADIA (36°N, 48°W) found only 30-kn with 33-ft swells. The storm started to break up on the 8th as another storm moved off Long Island.

As a LOW moved eastward over the Ohio Valley and approached the western slope of the Appalachian Mountains on the 7th a new LOW formed on the eastern slope. The TFL FRANKLIN (34°N, 67°W) measured 40-kn winds, 12-ft seas, and 30-ft swells on the 8th. The SEA-LAND LEADER (40°N, 64°W) measured 60-kn west winds, 23-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. At 1200 on the 9th the 975-mb storm was near 53°N, 46°W. The DART CONTINENT (41°N, 52°W) measured 67-kn west winds, 10-ft seas, and 35-ft swells. The ZIM NEW YORK (42°N, 53°W) estimated the wind as 75 kn. CHARLIE measured 39-kn south winds, 20-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. At 1200 on the 10th the storm was west of Kap Farvel. The KENNETH E. HILL (39°N, 63°W) measured 55-kn winds. The MAASSLOT (41°N, 56°W) was sailing into 50-kn winds and 33-ft seas and swells. The storm remained quasistationary as a second LOW moved northward in the eastern quadrant on the 11th. The NAVIOS ENTERPRISE (37°N, 46°W) measured only 17-kn winds from 270° but reported giant 56-ft swells from 300°. The EXPORT CHAMPION nearby (36°N, 49°W) reported 25-ft swell. The storm dissipated on the 12th.

Another Gulf Stream LOW. At 1200 on the 12th the storm was 972 mb at 43°N, 57°W. The ZIM IBERIA (42°N, 55°W) measured 50-kn winds, 13-ft seas, and 26-ft swells. The ATLANTIC SONG (45°N, 56°W) had 53-kn east winds and 23-ft waves. The storm was 966 mb at 1200 on the 13th. The SCOL CARRIER (38°N, 65°W) had 30-kn northwest winds, 7-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The WALTER RICE (35°N, 69°W) had 50-kn winds and 17-ft waves.

This storm was also tracking northward into the Labrador Sea. There were some high winds and waves on the 14th. The NACIONAL MONCHIQUE (36°N, 37°W) measured 58-kn winds. The EEKLO (38°N, 55°W) measured only 13-kn winds from 290° but reported 41-ft swells from 310°. The MHV 68 (60°N, 31°W) reported 60-kn east winds with 46-ft seas. The storm started to weaken rapidly on the 15th.

The following four ships suffered damage due to weather at Marystown, Newfoundland on the 12th; ATLANTIC BEATRICE, NEW FOUNDLAND HAWK, ZAMBEZI, and ZIDANI. The CITY OF PERTH lost eight containers overboard.

This was one of those storms that probably could be classified a "Bomb". The 0000 chart of the 15th showed a LOW near Montreal, a weak LOW over the Bay of Fundy and frontogenesis off the U.S. East Coast. The 1200 chart showed a 976 mb

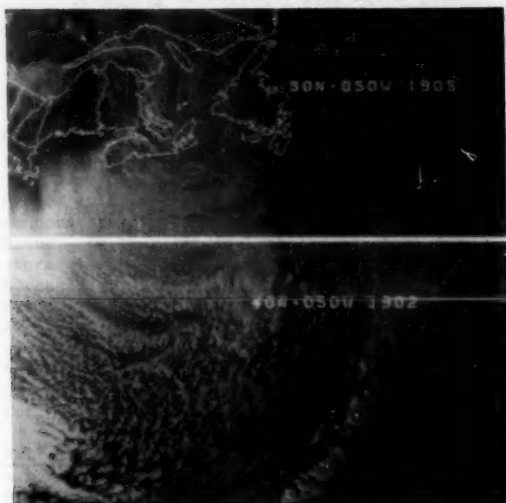


Figure 27.— The storm at 1905 on the 16th. storm at 40°N, 64°W. Wallops Island, VA had 46-kn winds. The EXPORT CHAMPION (37°N, 69°W) found 45-kn west winds, 13-ft seas, and 35-ft swells. Another ship at 38°N, 60°W reported 50-kn winds, 21-ft seas, and 31-ft swells. At 0000 on the 16th, 24 hr later, the storm was 962 mb near 46°N, 60°W (fig. 27). There were many observations of storm-force and higher winds plus extreme waves. One was the EXPORT FREEDOM (36°N, 50°W) with 50-kn southwest winds, 25-ft seas, and 49-ft swells. The CLERK-MAXWELL (34°N, 54°W) had 47-kn winds, 12-ft seas, and 41-ft swells. The NOSIRA SHARON (41°N, 51°W) found only 30-kn winds accompanied by 39-ft swells. At 0000 on the 17th the 972 mb storm was at 51°N, 59°W. There were still winds up to 50-kn and waves to 25-ft. At 1200 a new LOW had formed about 800 mi to the southeast. By the 18th the original LOW had disappeared. The new LOW curved to the northwest.

On January 15 there was a 1046-mb HIGH over the Gulf of Riga. The Azores High was 1029 mb near 35°N, 20°W. A frontal wave formed near 39°N, 35°W. At 0000 on the 16th another frontal wave was over ROMEO and brought 23-ft seas. The NAUSICAA (33°N, 14°W) measured 65-kn winds. The BISCHOFSTOR (47°N, 13°W) had 56-kn east winds. Neither reported waves. At 0000 on the 17th the two frontal waves had combined. ROMEO now had 50-kn east winds and 23-ft seas. The CENTAURE (41°N, 18°W) reported 68-kn west winds, 23-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. ROMEO had 30-ft seas at 1200. The storm crossed the coast of France on the 18th.

The CAM ILOMBA sustained damage in force 12 winds in the Bay of Biscay on the 17th. The AL AHMADIAH had weather damage on the 16th enroute to New York from Valencia. The OBOTRITA put back to Ferrol when lashings broke and hatch covers were damaged.

This was not the most severe of the storms this month but it was long-lived and one of two that

managed to cross to Europe. It began as a frontal wave off Long Island on the 18th. It was caught in the zonal flow and sped eastward. It passed almost directly over the CONTRACT PIONEER at 40°N, 55°W with 48-kn winds. At 0000 on the 19th the storm was 975 mb near 43°, 46°W. A ship 90 mi south of the center had 50-kn winds. At 1200 another ship had 41-ft swells. It caught up with and absorbed two small LOWs. At this time there was 1060 mb HIGH over the North Pole. On the 20th its speed slowed and the circulation expanded. The FIRMNES (37°N, 29°W) had 40-kn winds and 36-ft swells. The AMERICAN HERITAGE (54°N, 14°W) measured 50-kn northeast winds, 20-ft seas, and 41-ft swells. The storm was over Ireland on the 21st. The storm slowly moved into Norway and finally dissipated on the 27th east of the White Sea.

These ships apparently suffered their reported weather damage during this storm; the BRESLAU, CHENT, RIO GRANDE, SENLAC, and SUNRISE.

The Midwest produced this storm. Cyclonic circulation reached the salt water on the 20th and strengthened by the 21st. By 1200 the storm consolidated into a 962 mb storm near (50°N, 62°W). There had been a few storm-force reports on the 20th, but there were many on the 21st. There were several over 60 kn. The VSBC (47°N, 48°W) measured 64-kn winds from the south with 15-ft seas. At 1200 on the 22d the storm was 950 mb near (53°N, 66°W). The MARTHA SHOGUN (37°N, 69°W) had 55-kn winds.

Another LOW formed 900 mi east of this center. This extended the southerly circulation as far east as LIMA. The FIRMNES (34°N, 43°W) had 44-kn south winds and 26-ft swells. A Soviet ship at 25°N, 61°W reported 43-ft swells from the northeast.

The storm was drifting northward and weakening on the 24th. Frontal waves had broken the southern part of the circulation away from the main center. The TFL FRANKLIN (36°N, 58°W) was in this circulation with 55-kn. The storm was stalled near 58°N, 62°W until the 27th when it disappeared.

A trough associated with the above LOW moved off the New England coast on the 25th and a cyclone formed over the water. The IRVING OCEAN found 53-kn winds, 12-ft seas, and 33-ft swells on the 26th. The storm was 956 mb at 49°N, 47°W on the 27th. There was a list of 35 observations with winds above 44-kn and/or waves above 24-ft. The FIRMNES (31°N, 60°W) was 1,200 mi southwest of the center with 60-kn winds and 49-ft swells. The TFL EXPRESS (37°N, 52°W) measured 68-kn winds but only reported 17-ft waves. The storm was 938 mb near 54°N, 51°W at 1200 on the 28th (fig. 28). High winds and waves continued. The Grand Banks area was particularly hard hit late in the day with five reports of over 60-kn winds and 25-to-30-ft waves. The VINLAND (46°N, 48°W) measured 72-kn winds from 240° and 30-ft seas. CHARLIE had 26-ft swells. The Grand Banks winds and waves continued into the 29th. The storm was drifting eastward on the 30th and weakening but there were still a few 50-kn winds and waves up to 30-ft. CHARLIE was still reading 20-ft

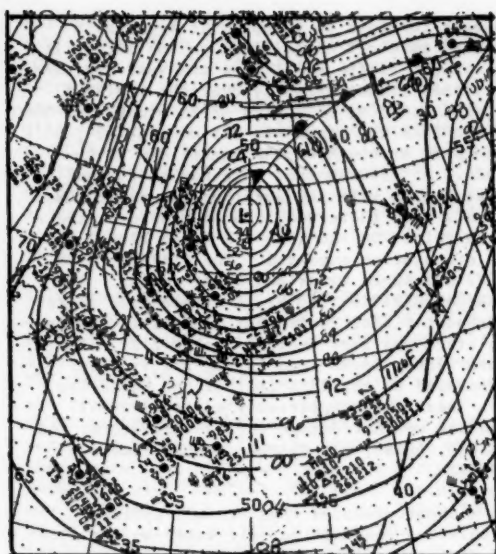


Figure 28.-- Analysis of 0000, January 29. waves. The LOW was no longer on the 1200 analysis of February 1.

The ATLANTA reported encountering force 9 to 12 winds from the 25th to 28th and loosing the starboard anchor and 10 lengths of cable between 48°N, 07°W and 44°N, 20°W. The ARKAY also appears to have suffered damage in this storm.

Casualties -- These vessels had problems with low visibilities. The GOKTURK touched bottom in Little Bitter Lake on the 25th. The icebreaker ISBJORN grounded in ice and fog on the 20th off Dragor. The KITTANNING grounded in the Elbe Estuary on the 7th. The VELENJE hit the canal bank of the Gaillard Cut.

Extremely cold weather over Europe the first half of January resulted in many of the rivers, harbors and canals and including the sound between Denmark and Sweden were frozen over. By the third week the ice was severely hampering traffic. Up to 20 vessels were trapped in the Oresund Waterway with three Danish icebreakers working to free them. Some ice was reported to be up to 3-ft thick. Open pack ice to a depth of 30 cm was reported in the Kiel canal. These ships reported specific ice damage; BIENE, FYRARFOSS, JUPITER B. and KARLSVIK. In 1658 the 17-mi wide passage froze over allowing the Swedish King Karl Gustav to cross the ice and sack Copenhagen. The Danes were forced to relinquish a part of southern Sweden.

There was a lot of bad weather in the Mediterranean on 17th and 18th but there no high wind reports on the charts or lists of radio reports. A LOW mound over southern Greece on the 17th and 18th. A newspaper report said heavy rain and snow disrupted all forms of communication in southern and central Greece. Flights were diverted from the Athens Airport in winds reported up to force 10.

Many ships were reported as grounded, stranded, dragged anchor, and collided with other vessels. The NATALE DE GIOSA capsized and the crew was feared drowned. The 28 crewmen of the GIORGIONE abandoned ship when she was blown aground. The 8 crew of the FILITSA radioed an SOS that they were abandoning ship 2-mi offshore of Athens. The TIM STAR capsized near Alexandria. The 23 crew abandoned ship but 4 died and were missing. The following is a list of ships that had damage or were in trouble; MILAS, FORUM SKY, AEGIS PIONEER, MASIR, GIANNAKIS, NAJD II, BRYON I, ALASKA II, MARJOBIL, ZEBRINA, SAN GEORGIO REEFER, and MARENCO ALPHA.

These ships reported weather damage at unspecified times and/or position: the AL KANTARA, ANDREA, ANGELIQUE, BOCHA, BOW FORTUNE, DON FERNANDO, EL COMMODORE, EL HASHAISHI, EL TEMSAH, ELIZAS GRACE, HOMERIC DAWN, JALVALABH, KLINTE, MICHAEL DAVID, RAMSES II, SAUDIAH, and TENKO.

WEATHER LOG, FEBRUARY 1985 -- A primary storm path could be said to exist across the Great Lakes to Newfoundland to 55°N, 35°W to the Denmark Strait. Another short path existed from near 45°N, 50°W to 55°N, 25°W. There was a concentration of storm tracks between latitudes 50° and 55°N and longitudes 20° and 40°W. There were only three significant storms over Europe.

The Icelandic Low was 996 mb centered near 56°N, 32°W. This was 7 mb lower and about 300 mi southeast of it normal (fig. 29). The center of the Subtropical High was 1023 mb at 28°N, 51°W many miles west of its usual position. There was an anomalous 1024 mb High centered over Germany.

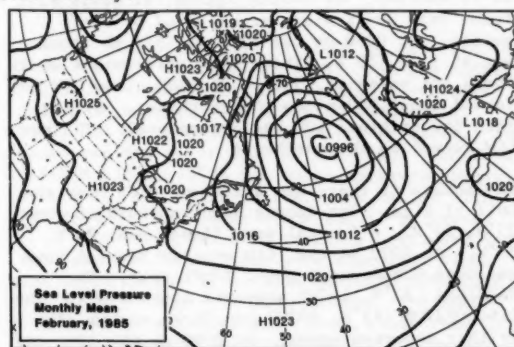


Figure 29.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure.

There were two significant sea-level pressure anomaly centers; one was minus 11 mb near 51°N, 28°W associated with the Icelandic Low, and the other was plus 10 mb over the North Sea associated with the High over Europe. There was another plus 7 mb center over the Foxe Basin of Northern Canada. The sea-level pressure was above normal over most of North America. In fact, most of the Northern Hemisphere had above normal mean sea-level pressure except for the Icelandic Low and two minus 10 mb centers over Asia.

In the upper air at 700 mb there was an

anomalous LOW in association with the Icelandic Low. The primary center of circulation was still over Somerset Island in Northern Canada, as is normal. The flow was zonal from the eastern United States to about 40°W between 30° and 50°N. The normal slight ridge over western Europe was much sharper than normal, blocking storms from that area.

Some Climatology. On February 16, 1943 record cold prevailed over the Northeast. The temperature plunged to minus 39°F at Portland, Maine. On the 17th in 1958 the greatest snow storm of the mid-20th century struck the Northeast. There was 30 in of snow in interior New England with 19 in in 24 hr at the Boston Airport. On the 23d in 1802 another great snowstorm raged along the coast of New England. North of Boston there was a total snowfall of 48 in. Three large ships were wrecked along Cape Cod.

Extratropical Cyclones -- The month started with a normal Bermuda High and the Azores High over Spain. Frontal waves were moving northeastward along a front between the two HIGHS then eastward across Scandinavia. There were also frontal waves along the east coast of the United States. High pressure was centered over the North Pole. By midweek the Azores High had moved to over Germany. A frontal wave moved eastward across the top of the Bermuda High and deepened rapidly. By the end of the week multicentered cyclonic circulation covered the North Atlantic north of latitude 30°N.

The storm continued into the second week as new centers formed, intensified, and continued the overall circulation. At midweek the cyclone had only one center and weakening. The Azores High redeveloped in place. Another HIGH moved off Labrador. At end of the week high pressure dominated the western half of the ocean with weak low pressure centers over the eastern half.

The third week the western HIGH moved eastward and high pressure moved southward into Europe from Scandinavia. There was low pressure over the Labrador Sea and Iceland area.

The fourth week the central ocean HIGH continued moving eastward. There were frontal waves moving along a front west and northwest of the center of the HIGH. A new HIGH moved off the east coast of the United States. High pressure covered most of this ocean. At midweek the large HIGH was breaking down but high pressure still dominated Europe. At end of the week a LOW from Nova Scotia deepened into a severe storm. Another HIGH and LOW combination immediately followed the last day of the month.

On the first of the month a cold HIGH over the Plains States had pushed a cold front deep into the Gulf of Mexico. It stretched northeastward across the Southeastern States to Cape Hatteras. Waves were moving along the front. On the 2d one of these continued to deepen off Nantucket. By 1200 on the 4th the storm was 975 mb near 44°N, 43°W. The IRVING OURS POLAIRE (47°N, 56°W) had 68-kn northwest winds. The EXPORT CHALLENGER (38°N, 48°W) estimated 55-kn winds

from the west with 44-ft swells. The storm was 964 mb at 1200 on the 5th near 44°N, 34°W. The ONFS (38°N, 36°W) measured 55-kn winds, 30-ft seas, and 43-ft swells. The AMERICANA (38°N, 43°W) reported 50-kn winds and 56-ft waves. The ARGONAUT (37°N, 34°W), and JOHN WULFF (35°N, 44°W) both report 39-ft swells. The RAVENSCRAIG (43°N, 43°W) had 30-ft seas and 36-ft swells. On the 6th there were many wind reports of 50-kn or greater and half a dozen of 60-kn or greater. Sea and swell reports over 30-ft were common. The DHYW (38°N, 25°W) reported 60-kn southwest winds and 49-ft seas. The LASH ATLANTICO (36°N, 37°W) reported 55-kn winds from 300°, 33-ft seas, and 49-ft swells. The JOHN WULFF and ARGONAUT were now reporting 43-ft swells.

On the analysis of 0000 on the 7th the LOW was moving due north. A new LOW had popped up near 39°N, 48°W. The old center circled south of Kap Farvel until the 10th as this new LOW became a severe storm. It appeared that these ships were involved in this storm and suffered damage. They were the ALTIS, ATLANTIC CORONA, CITY OF PERTH, and STARMAN ASIA.

This potential storm popped up on the 0000 analysis of the 7th at 39°N, 47°W. The VIKTOR BUGAYEV was almost directly at the center with 45-kn southwest winds. The SANTA SILVIA MARU (36°N, 43°W) measured 54-kn winds. In 12 hr the storm raced 660 mi to 42°N, 33°W at 972 mb. The ZIM IBERIA (37°N, 31°W) had 60-kn winds and 26-ft swells. The JOHN WULFF (36°N, 33°W) now had 57-kn winds, 12-ft seas, and 46-ft swells. The ARGONAUT had dropped to 25-ft swells.

At 1200 on the 8th the storm was at 49°N, 21°W at 956 mb. There were high winds and waves reported all across the Atlantic between approximately 30° and 50°N. The storm with its multiple centers covered all the North Atlantic north of latitude 25°N. The ROWAN-JUNEAU (44°N, 60°W) measured only 27-kn winds from 290° but reported 49-ft swells from 350°. The CANADIAN EXPLORER (48°N, 21°W) measured 65-kn winds, 26-ft seas, and 49-ft swells on the other side of the ocean. The SEA-LAND EXPRESS (50°N, 23°W) measured 58-kn winds and 30-ft seas. The storm was stationary on the 9th as another small LOW was absorbed (fig. 30). The majority of the higher winds were strong gales to violent storm and the waves were up to 33-ft but the SAM HOUSTON (35°N, 67°W) was hit by a mountainous 60-ft wave with 75-kn winds and suffered bow damage about 0600 on the 9th. The KENNETH T. DERR (44°N, 27°W) measured 45-kn winds and 33-ft seas. LIMA measured 48-kn east winds and 25-ft seas and 26-ft swells. On the 10th the LOW swung westward. The SAM HOUSTON (33°N, 64°W) now measured only 34-kn winds, 26-ft seas, and 36-ft swells. The MARCONA CONVEYOR (33°N, 45°W) and CHASTINE MAERSK (37°N, 40°W) both had 33-ft swells. On the 11th the storm was back to one primary center and weakening. The higher were in the storm category. Only one ship reported swells up to 33-ft.

On the 12th the storm was completing a loop. A German ship at 46°N, 28°W measured 47-kn winds and 33-ft seas. The ENTERPRISE (46°N, 24°W) had 41-kn winds, 17-ft seas, and 33-ft

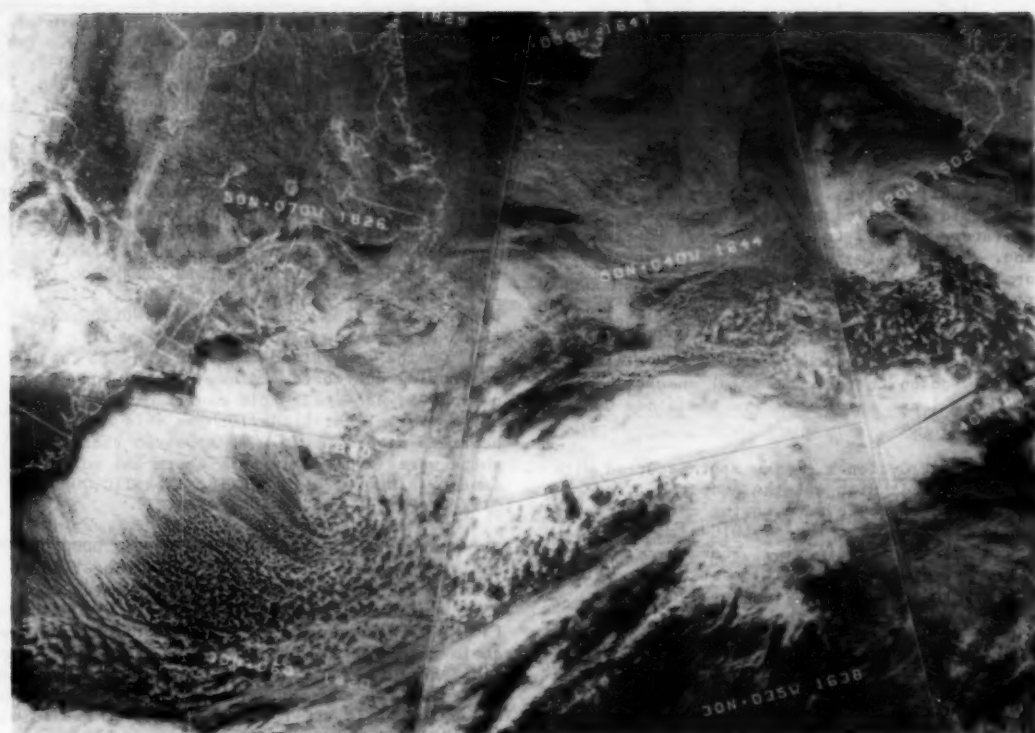


Figure 30.— A composite of three NOAA Polar-orbiting Satellite passes showing the large storm spanning the ocean from shore to shore. The SAM HOUSTON was in the unstable flow over the Gulf Stream. NOAA.

swells. The storm was dissipating on the 14th but the RIA LUNA (43°N, 09°W) still found 33-ft swells. As best we could be determined from the information available these ships suffered their damage in this cyclone. They were the DELTAGAS, SAM HOUSTON, OBOTRITA, MOORSMAN, CORINNA, VORTIGERN, and WAVE CREST. The BUSKO ZDROJ sank near 55°N, 06°E late on the 8th after her cargo of steel shifted in heavy seas and force 7 winds. Only one crewmen of 25 was rescued.

The only time the center of this storm was over salt water was when it formed near Vancouver Island on the 7th and it dissipated over Hudson Bay on the 16th. The storm moved southeastward to Mississippi on the 11th, then northward west of the Appalachian Mountains. Only the southerly circulation was off the U.S. East Coast. On the 12th the storm was over West Virginia. The BORINQUEN (38°N, 73°W) had 50-kn south winds and 17-ft waves. The ASHLEY LYKES (33°N, 76°W) also had 50-kn winds with 17-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. The USCGC DUANE (38°N, 71°W) measured 64-kn southeast winds, 10-ft seas, and 21-ft swells. On the 13th she reported 67-kn winds from the south-southwest. There were a few storm winds on the 14th. The leaking TURRIS OCTAVA at Bermuda on the 13th had additional problems when 45-kn winds and 20-ft swells were in the area. The HARBEL TAPPER had damage on the 12th.

The second described storm left a cyclonic circulation off the west coast of Europe when it dissipated. On the 15th a LOW formed north of the Azores and west of Cape Finisterre. The SCOL CARRIER (50°N, 02°W) had 61-kn winds from the east and 17-ft waves. The SEA-LAND PIONEER (37°N, 29°W) had 50-kn winds, 20-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. On the 16th the FARLAND (43°N, 25°W) had 24-ft swells.

The storm crossed over Cape Finisterre on the 17th.

This was a long-lived storm. It formed near Death Valley, Calif. on the 20th. It moved southeastward, then northeastward and moved over Maine on the 24th. SEDCO 709 (44°N, 61°W) and two other reporters KNDH and KSCP in the same area reported 50-kn winds and waves as high as 15-ft. On moving over water the storm deepened rapidly to 967 mb at 48°N, 42°W (fig. 31). The VCNP (46°N, 49°W) measured 64-kn north winds. The AMERICAN PIONEER (37°N, 48°W) had 45-kn winds, 17-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The SEA-LAND VOYAGER (43°N, 44°W) estimated 60-kn winds. CHARLIE measured 52-kn winds and 28-ft seas.

At 1200 on the 27th the storm was 968 mb near 55°N, 29°W. There were several reports of 60-kn winds. The DUVB (44°N, 30°W) measured 60-kn winds 38-ft seas, and 35-ft swells. The

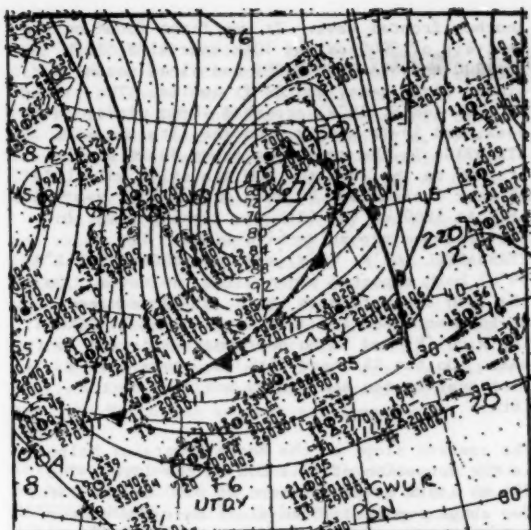


Figure 31.-- Analysis for 1200 January 26.

DART AMERICA (49°N, 18°W) had only 22-kn south winds but the swell was 30-ft. The storm dissipated by March 1 leaving only some high swell reports.

This storm was the coming together of two LOWs northeast of Cape Race on the 28th. One LOW came out of the Rocky Mountains and the other off Cape Hatteras. At 1200 on the 28th the storm was 976 mb at 50°N, 50°W. The TFL FRANKLIN (40°N, 52°W) had 55-kn winds from the southwest and 20-ft waves. The EEKLO (41°N, 47°W) measured 48-kn winds from the south, 20-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The RAINBOW HOPE (42°N, 57°W) had 25-ft swells.

At 1200 on March 1 the storm was 970 mb near 58°N, 39°W. At 0600 CHARLIE had winds up to 48-kn and seas of 25-ft. The MANCHESTER CHALLENGE (47°N, 34°W) had 47-kn west winds, 16-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The MINERVA (52°N, 40°W) had 60-kn west winds, 33-ft seas, and 39-ft swells. On the 2d CHARLIE had 26-ft seas and the CHALLENGE had 30-ft swells. The MAGNUS JENSEN (59°N, 47°W) had 54-kn winds with 33-ft seas. A frontal wave moved south of this LOW weakening it.

Casualties - These vessels suffered damage in ice, mostly in the Baltic Sea; CHRISTEL, HOHEBANK, KELTIC CONFIDENCE, MALENE SLOTO, and SELKIRK SETTLER. The SOROKOS and CITY OF CAMMERAY had ice damage at Quebec, The ORIENT PIONEER had ice damage off Newfoundland. It was reported that the White Sea suffered the worst pack ice in 65 yr.

These ships had problems in fog on the 26th: the BERGFJORD and EMDEN collided on the lower Elbe, the VOLGO-BALT 238 and RIO CALCHAQUI also collided on the Elbe, the JEAN ALLEAUME went aground near Granzemouth.

These ships were involved with heavy weather on the Mediterranean: KAZAR, LINA, NAUCRATES, and SHEIKH ALI.

The ELISABETH OLDENDORFF, GEESTBAY, and SAINT SIMEON reported weather damage this month.

W EATHER LOG, MARCH 1985 -- This was a busy month for cyclones over the North Atlantic but most were not very severe. There were two primary storm paths. One originated over the Northern Plains States of the United States, moved over the Great Lakes and across the maritime provinces of Canada, then northeastward toward the Denmark Strait. The second path was from Cape Hatteras east-northeastward to near 40°N, 50°W, then northeastward to the Denmark Strait also. Several storms tracked over western Europe, mostly the last half of the month. The paths approximated climatology except they were more easterly over the western ocean.

The overall monthly mean sea-level pressure pattern was near the climatic pattern except for pressure values (fig. 32). The Icelandic Low was 999 mb near 56°N, 48°W, 6 mb lower than normal and about 300 mi southwest of its usual location. A secondary 1007 mb LOW near 68°N, 02°E was about 300 mi south of its normal position. The Azores High was 1025 mb near 36°N, 26°W. This was 5 mb higher than normal and 700 mi to the northeast.

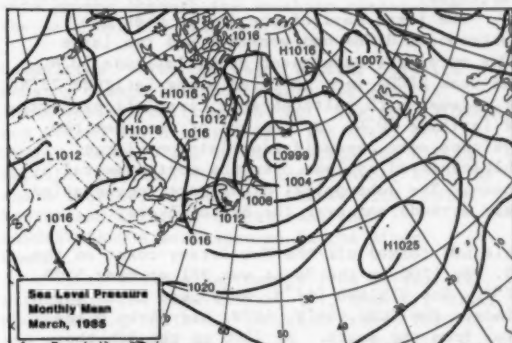


Figure 32.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure

The Icelandic Low produced a negative 8 mb anomaly center near 56°N, 52°W. There was another minus 3 mb anomaly center near Rotterdam and the negative area covered the Norwegian Sea, United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Italy. The zero isoline made an arc from Nova Scotia to 50°N, 35°W to Iceland than from Iceland south, west of Ireland to Brest France.

The upper air flow at 700 mb was zonal between 30°N, 50°N, latitude from the East Coast to about 50°W longitude, then northeasterly over a ridge off western Europe. There was an anomalous LOW near 57°N, 55°W).

Some Climatology. On March 5, 1962 a tremendous storm raged along the Atlantic coast. Winds along the Middle Atlantic coast reached 70 mi/hr and raised 40-ft waves. On the 6th in 1872 a cold wave hit the East Coast sending the mercury to -8°F at Boston. It was the most severe cold wave in modern history. On the 12th in 1888 a storm struck southern New England. The storm produced 58 in of snow at Saratoga, NY.

and 50 in at Middletown Conn. The snow and cold resulted in 400 deaths.

Extratropical Cyclones -- The month started with a severe storm south of Kap Farvel that is described in the February Weather Log. High pressure was south of approximately 50°N. At midweek there was a strong Azores High and another storm over the Labrador Sea. At the end of the week another storm was moving out of New England.

The first of the second week a large 1043 mb HIGH was moving eastward off Cape Cod. The Azores High was moving northeastward over Europe. A LOW had developed over the Mediterranean. At midweek a 1044 mb HIGH was over Ireland with weak circulations over the north and western ocean. The end of the week a strong HIGH was over the central ocean with LOWs over the Maritime Provinces and Scandinavia.

There was a deep LOW over the Labrador Sea the beginning of the third week. The middle of the week found a normal pressure configuration - An Azores High, LOWs U.S. East Coast and near Kap Farvel, and LOW central Europe. There were both Bermuda and Azores high pressure cells at the end of the week with an intense HIGH north of Moscow. LOWs were confined to the northern latitudes.

The first days of the fourth week the subtropical HIGHS had weakened and two large LOWs were near each coast along latitude 50°N. The weak HIGHS were centered along latitude 25°N at midweek with multicentered circulations north of latitude 30°N. By the end of the week the cyclones were consolidating into one large multicentered cyclone over the north-central ocean. The subtropical HIGHS were regenerating near Bermuda and over the Bay of Biscay.

This LOW formed off the New Jersey coast on the 2d. By 1200 on the 3d it was 981 mb near 51°N, 57°W. The VINLAND (47°N, 54°W) had 60-kn south winds. The VCNP (46°N, 50°W) had 54-kn winds also from the south. At 1200 on the 4th the storm was 964 mb near 56°N, 50°W. There were gales over the Grand Banks. The CRYOS (47°N, 56°W) had 55-kn west winds. CHARLIE measured 18-ft seas. They were 23-ft on the 5th. The OVERSEAS ARGONAUT (46°N, 41°W) found 55-kn winds, 16-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. The CONTRACT MERCHANT (42°N, 38°W) had 51-kn winds. CHARLIE measured 23-ft swells. The REY JRS II had 20-ft swells. This LOW dissipated on the 6th and another formed over Kap Farvel.

This fast moving LOW came into existence on the 5th over New England. On the 6th it was bringing gales and 20-ft waves to the Grand Banks. The CMB EUROPE (46°N, 38°W) had 45-kn winds and 21-ft seas. The 974 mb storm passed about 90 mi north of CHARLIE at 0000 on the 7th. The STARMAN ASIA (46°N, 34°W) had 50-kn south winds and 20-ft seas in the warm sector. LIMA had 46-kn south winds and 16-ft seas. The higher winds and waves were along the front. On the 8th the storm was over the Denmark Strait. A RIGG at 61°N, 02°E measured 48-kn south winds. The storm curved southwestward and quickly disappeared.

Another frontal wave. It was first found on the analysis of 0000 on the 10th near 41°N, 50°W. At 1200 the SEA-LAND PACER had 41-kn south winds, 15-ft seas, and 20-ft swells. The MALAHAT (46°N, 39°W) reported 48-kn winds, 20-ft seas, and 23-ft swells. On the 11th the DART ATLANTICA in the same area found 30-ft swells. At 1200 on the 12th the LOW was still only 1000 mb near Iceland but by 0000 on the 13th was 990 mb. At 1800 on the 12th the fishing fleet in the area was reporting high winds. The HYASSAFELL (62°N, 08°W) and the SKOGAFOS (62°N, 09°W) both reported 60-kn winds, no waves. On the 13th a platform at (61°N, 01°E) measured 45-kn west winds and 30-ft seas. The LA CHACRA (62°N, 01°E) had 50-kn northwest winds and 36-ft seas. On the 14th and 15th the storm made a loop over Sweden and Norway and died on the 16th.

The eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains helped in the formation of this LOW on the 10th. The 986 mb storm moved offshore at 0000 on the 13th. Two ships reported 75-kn winds near the center and neither reported waves. The CG26 (43°N, 66°W) had southeasterly winds, and the BLUENOSE (44°N, 68°W) had northerly winds. Other ships were reporting gales. The KNDH (44°N, 60°W) reported 51-kn east winds and the DYUI SKAGERAK (40°N, 64°W) measured 48-kn winds with 23-ft seas and 25-ft swells. On the 14th the KMHF (45°N, 58°W) measured 48-kn southeast winds and 15-ft seas. At 1200 on the 15th the 972 mb storm was near 52°N, 54°W. On the 16th this was a large 966 mb storm but there were few high wind and wave reports (fig. 33). The FERNOLF (40°N, 58°W) had 40-kn winds with 30-ft waves. On the 17th the IRVING ESKIMO (49°N, 65°W) had 52-kn west winds and 23-ft seas. On the 18th another LOW east of Kap Farvel took over the circulation.

This was a double LOW cyclone for the first days of its existence. Waves were forming on a front



Figure 33.-- Analysis for 1200 March 16.

over the Gulf of Mexico. Two followed each other across Florida and over the Gulf Stream on the 17th. There were a few isolated gales reported. At 1200 on the 18th there were two 984 mb centers near 39°N, 63°W and 44°N, 57°W. There were many gale reports. The AMELIA TOPIC (39°N, 60°W) reported the highest wind of 60-kn with 26-ft seas and heavy rain.

On the 19th the northeastern LOW broke away and raced northeastward. The DART BRITAIN (46°N, 34°W) found 45-kn winds. On the 20th CHARLIE had 21-ft seas. LIMA measured 41-kn winds and 20-ft seas. The SINBAD SAXON (59°N, 02°E) had easterly 50-kn winds with 21-ft seas on the 21st. The DART AMERICANA (49°N, 13°W) had 40-kn northwest winds, 23-ft seas, and 41-ft swells. On the 22d the storm turned northward over the North Sea and was not longer of concern.

This was the second of the double LOWs. At 1200 on the 18th it was 982 mb near 38°N, 64°W. The MATHILDE MAERSK (40°N, 55°W) had 50-kn south winds, 10-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. On the 19th there were gale-force winds. The LOOSDRECHT (42°N, 50°W) had 41-kn south winds, 23-ft seas, and 26-ft swells. The FNDV (41°N, 58°W) measured 48-kn winds and 33-ft seas. On the 20th the winds were 50-kn with 13-ft seas and 44-ft swells. The KFPN (44°N, 60°W) measured 63-kn north winds and 25-ft seas. The storm disappeared on the 21st.

A combination of two primary LOWs produced this storm. There were other small LOWs involved as the storm evolved. The first LOW was first analyzed over North Carolina on the 23d. It moved slowly eastward with little development. On the 25th another LOW formed northeast of this one. On the 26th there were two 979 mb centers at 43°N, 44°W and 47°N, 43°W. A SHIP (40°N, 44°W) had 49-kn winds, 30-ft seas, and 26-ft swells. On the 27th the northeastern center was turning northwestward to dissipate. CHARLIE had 23-ft seas (fig. 34). Three ships in the vicinity of 38°N, 62°W reported winds between 40 and 52 kn and waves between 16 and 25-ft. On the 28th the storm was 978 mb near 41°N, 41°W. The NICHIRIN MARU (35°N, 41°W) reported 56-kn west winds, 20-ft seas, and 21-ft swells. A ship closer to the center had 48-kn winds and another ship 23-ft seas and swells. At 1200 on the 29th the storm was 972 mb near 49°N, 28°W. The KUNUNGUAK (49°N, 45°W) had northeasterly 48-kn winds and 25-ft seas. LIMA measured 48-kn east winds, 21-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. ROMEO had 20-ft seas on the 30th and the NIVI ITTUK AT 59°N, 44°W reported 60-kn winds from the northeast and 23-ft seas.

Another LOW developed west of this center

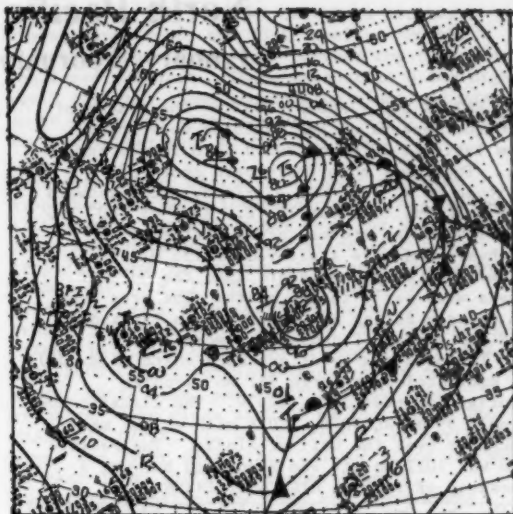


Figure 34.— Analysis for 1200, March 27.

on the 30th and on the 31st two frontal waves were moving through the southern circulation. The original LOW disappeared.

Casualties -- The two major weather culprits causing damage this month were fog and ice. These vessels collided in fog: the ARGO PIONEER and CYRANO which sank, ESRAM and MURAT BEY, GUSTAV BEHRMANN and RHINSEE, HUNGA and MINERAL ALEGRIA, CONTRACT VOYAGER and VITOSHA, AUTOLINE and a trawler, ADRIANA and ARKLOW VIEW, DUTCH MASTER and ABERTHAW FISHER, and the LANCASTERBROOK went aground in the River Humber.

These vessels had damage from encounters with ice: the IRAN MEYSAM, IVI, LARA S., MOLAT, NICHOLAS H., PAMIT C., SOUTHERN CROSS, TOXOTIS, and VISHVA VIKRAM.

Four fishermen adrift for 2 days after abandoning the trawler CHRISTINA 1 were rescued by the tug TAURUS on March 3. High seas flooded the engine room and knocked out her power.

These ships reported weather damage: BARBARA LEONHARDT, FESTIVALE, F P CARRIER, LAURENTIAN FOREST, PASSERO, and TIBESTI. The tug JOHN A. DOWNS capsized and sank in Long Island Sound on the 4th in stormy waters. The 13 crew members on the tug and barges were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

These ships suffered weather damage during the last week of the month: AGIO MATTHEOS, KAVO PEIRATIS, MARIWOOD, MONTERREY, PIRATA, and yacht SILENCE (sank with four persons aboard).

30-ft swells. The BUNGA KESIDANG (48°N, 149°E) on the northwestern edge of the storm had 9 cm of ice from spray build up on the ship (fig. 36). On the 3d the NORTHERN HIGHWAY (35°N, 168°E) measured 53-kn winds with 33-ft seas and swells. Later in the day the VAN HAWK measured 65-kn north winds. There were several reports of winds above 50-kn and waves over 25-ft on the 4th. At 0000 the storm was 968 mb near 44°N, 173°W. On the 5th the wind was not so strong but there were many reports of high seas and swells. The storm deteriorated rapidly on the 6th as it moved into the Gulf of Alaska and against high pressure.

This frontal wave developed on the 3d very near where the previous storm formed. On the 5th there were winds of 50-kn and many waves over 20-ft. The JDSJ (51°N, 173°W) was northeast of the center with only 19-kn 110° winds but the swell was 41-ft from 090°. By 0000 on the 6th the storm was 964 mb near 46°N, 177°W. Storm-force winds and waves up to 33-ft continued. At 0000 on the 7th the storm was 948 mb near Atka Island (fig. 37). The TOKEI MARU (53°N, 175°E) measured 47-kn northwest winds, 23-ft seas, and 39-ft swells. At 1200 the pressure was 940 mb. Deeper than many typhoons and many times larger. The cyclonic circulation stretched from British Columbia to Sakhalin Island and south to latitude 25°N. The TOKEI MARU (49°N, 170°E) now had 41-ft swells on the 8th. The higher winds were mostly in the gale to strong gale category and highest waves 26-ft on the 9th. The center had turned westward on the 7th and then southward around to eastward on the 10th.

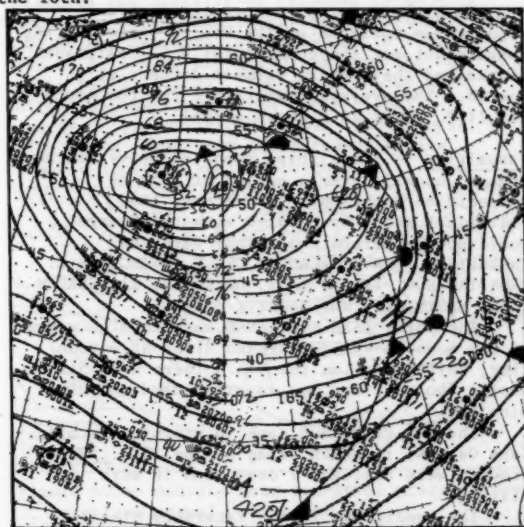


Figure 37.— The 948-mb storm showing the numerous observations at 0000, January 7. In comparison there were only nine observations plotted on the 1200 chart of the 6th for the same area.

The storm was still large on the 10th but was filling and a small LOW moved northward through the eastern quadrant. The CHEVRON

MISSISSIPPI (55°N, 139°W) had 40-kn southeast winds, 13-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. On the 11th the higher winds were between the front and the Canadian coast. There were still a few high swell reports. Some storm-force winds and waves up to 30-ft continued through the 13th. The LOW was completely gone on the 15th.

The western half of the ocean east of Japan supported four weak low-pressure centers on the 12th. There was also a LOW over the Sea of Japan and the tropical depression left from tropical storm Fabian was still near Yap Island. A LOW near 30°N, 155°E became caught in the upper air zonal flow and raced eastward at an average speed of 40-kn. On the 13th the CHARLES LYKES (30°N, 175°E) had 50-kn west winds. The BEAUTEOUS (27°N, 165°W) measured 53-kn south winds, 26-ft seas, and 28-ft swells. She reported 70-kn winds at 0300 on the 14th. The MAASSLUIS (27°N, 172°W) reported 63-kn northwest winds and 39-ft seas. At 1200 the storm was 969 mb near 33°N, 158°W and turned sharply northward. Most of the high winds and waves remained to the south. On the 15th the CONDORA (39°N, 147°W) had only 36-kn south winds with 33-ft swell. The MANULANI had 26-ft swells.

By 0000 on the 16th the storm had raced to 54°N, 150°W at 970 mb. The NEWARK north of the storm had 48-kn northeast winds. The SOHIO RESOLUTE had 45-kn southwest winds, 25-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. A sharp trough trailed southward from the storm and two ships reported waves over 25-ft near 28°N. By the end of the day the circulation had been absorbed by a larger system.

This storm caused some severe weather near the Hawaiian Islands on the 13th and 14th. Three barges were blown aground at Waianae Inlet. The CANADIAN BULKER (29°N, 161°W) had a cargo hatch damaged by shipping seas. The KETA LAGOON diverted to Honolulu as port of refuge for repairs.

This storm had several centers over its lifetime. The first LOW came out of Korea on the 11th. On the 13th it moved across the Kurile Islands. There were a few storm force winds and one report of 30-ft swells. The NORMAN AMSTEL (41°N, 146°E) found 58-kn west winds and 41-ft seas. On the 14th there were three other centers in the overall circulation. The NORMAN AMSTEL now reported 52-kn winds and 39-ft seas. Several other ships had waves about 25-ft. On the 15th another LOW center formed that was destined to consolidate the circulation around one center. The EVER LAUREL (41°N, 157°E) report read 68-kn but the 7-ft seas and 17-ft swells did not support that speed very well. The WAKAUME MARU at 30°N, 151°E measured 30-kn west winds, 13-ft seas, and high 49-ft swells.

At 0000 on the 16th the storm was 948 mb near 50°N, 175°E (fig. 38). The NELSON MARU (38°N, 170°E) measured 50-kn west winds, 13-ft seas, and 39-ft swells. The SHINKASHU MARU (39°N, 171°W) reported measuring 77-kn winds from 290° and 33-ft seas and swells. The SEA-LAND FREEDOM (40°N, 179°W) had only 50-kn

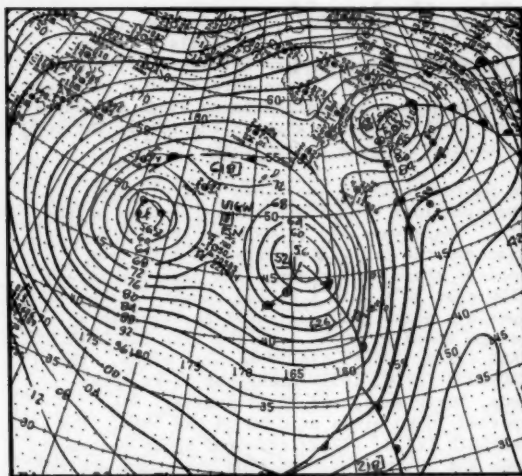


Figure 36. Three of the centers associated with this storm, at 1200 on the 16th. Notice the difference in the number of observations compared with figure 37.

winds but the swells were also 33-ft. On the 16th a new LOW formed in the southeast quadrant of this storm. Late on the 17th the new LOW took over the circulation. There were many storm-force winds and high swell reports. The NELSON MARU (38°N, 176°E) measured 48-kn winds, 17-ft seas, and 36-ft swells. The SEA-LAND FREEDOM (41°N, 176°W) measured 50-kn west winds, 13-ft seas, and 39-ft swells.

On the 17th a LOW from the Sea of Japan entered the western part of circulation. On the 18th the original storm was over the Bering Sea with light winds but there were still swell reports over 25-ft.

This LOW formed over Mongolia. On the 15th it was over the Sea of Japan. On the 16th there were some storm force winds south of the center. The storm was moving eastward. Strong gales and high swells continued into the 17th. The SKOUBORD (37°N, 156°E) measured 49-kn winds. The FORT FRONTENAC (42°N, 148°E) measured 44-kn west winds, 10-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The INDUS MARU (34°N, 169°E) measured 56-kn winds from the northwest and 23-ft swells on the 18th. The SEA-LAND PATRIOT (37°N, 160°E) measured 50-kn winds and 26-ft swells. At 0000 on the 19th the storm was 956 mb near 49°N, 179°W. The SOHIO RESOLUTE (41°N, 152°W) had southerly 65-kn winds, 17-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The SEALAND PATRIOT (37°N, 171°E) measured 64-kn winds, 10-ft seas, and 33-ft swells.

At 0000 on the 20th the storm was 955 mb near 51°N, 168°W and covered the northern part of the ocean. The ARCTIC TOKYO (54°N, 168°W) measured 65-kn winds from the east. The HOJIN MARU way south at 25°N, 175°E had only 5-kn winds but 36-ft swell from 320° reached her. There were a lot of swell reports near 20-ft. At 1200 a ship registered 956 mb on the barometer very near the storm center. On the 21st the highest winds reported were gale are

less and even the swells had died down. The storm was deteriorating rapidly.

The warm water east of Tokyo helped the development of this storm. At 0000 on the 22d it was 976 mb about 600 mi east of Hokkaido. The EVER VALIANT (35°N, 149°E) measured 38-kn winds and 33-ft swells. The BARBAROSSA (40°N, 152°E) had 55-kn winds, 26-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. There were storm-force winds on the 23d. A second center developed to the east. The QUATSINO SOUND (40°N, 167°E) measured 58-kn west winds and 33-ft seas. On the 24th the MAERSK WAVE (45°N, 151°E) measured 45-kn winds and 31-ft seas. The ASIA MARU (41°N, 166°E) measured 50-kn winds and 23-ft swells on the 25th. At 0000 on the 26th the storm was 972 mb and had moved to only 44°N, 177°E. There were several reports of winds of 50-kn or greater and waves over 20-ft. The SEA-LAND EXPLORER was one of them with 50-kn and 33-ft seas. Other ships reporting were the LUNA MAERSK, RIGOLETTO, and MELBOURNE HIGHWAY. On the 27th this LOW dissipated and the eastern center took over. The CHARLOTTE MAERSK (32°N, 162°E) had 41-kn winds with 36-ft waves. At 0000 on the 28th the storm was 973 mb at 53°N, 180°. The PRESIDENT TYLER (38°N, 164°E) measured 40-kn northwest winds, 12-ft seas, and 26-ft swells. There were waves over 20-ft southwest and east of the center. On the 29th this center disappeared as another took over. The cyclone was rapidly breaking up. The NOAA ship MILLER FREEMAN measured 49-kn winds with 15-ft seas. The LEISE MAERSK (54°N, 164°W) had 48-kn south winds on the 30th and 30-ft seas. The PRESIDENT LINCOLN (54°N, 160°W) had 20-ft seas, and 30-ft swells.

Much above normal temperatures were reported in portions of the United States during January but not the continental U.S. Fairbanks, Alaska had their third warmest January on record. The average temperature for the month was 11°F, about 24°F above normal.

Casualties -- These ships reported heavy weather damage, usually over a period of time at unspecified locations. Therefore, the individual storm associated with the damage could not be determined. They were the CHELSFIELD, CHRYSOVALANDOU GRACE, EVANGELOS L. HAWAIIAN SUN, ISLAND LADY, HOKKO No. 21, KUROSE No.3, MARINICKI, and NANETTE STAR.

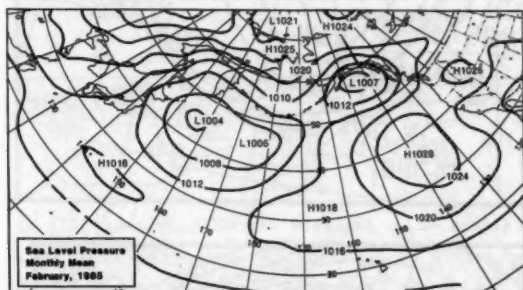
The ferry ASIA SINGAPORE sank in high waves on the monsoon-swollen Agusan River at Butuan City, Philippines on the 6th. There were 512 people aboard. One was reported dead and 20 missing.

The HWA PYUNG ACE sank in stormy seas off Cape Osezaki in south Japan on the 29th. Three crewmen were rescued, 7 dead, and 10 were missing.

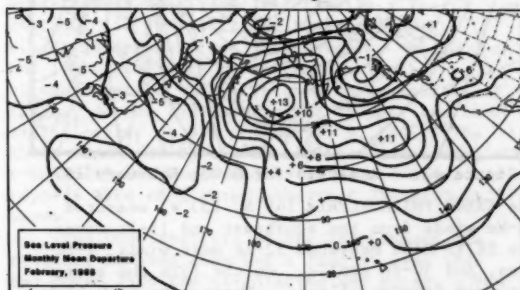
Ice conditions in the Tatarskiy Strait between the Asian coast and Sakhalin Island were reported to be the worse in 25 yr in late January. It was reported that dozens of vessels were trapped in the ice. Three icebreakers were trying break them out.

Other Casualties -- The BOTANY BAY

WEATHER LOG, FEBRUARY 1985, NORTH PACIFIC
EATHER LOG, FEBRUARY 1985 -- There were
fewer significant extratropical cyclones
over the North Pacific this month than I can
remember in my 12 yr of writing the Weather
Logs. This was reflected in the mean sea-level
pressure. The storm tracks over the western
ocean criss-crossed without any specific pattern
tracking from eastward to northward. The storms
that crossed northeastward over the Date Line
continued a general path along the Alaska
Peninsula. One storm that formed near 30°N,
160°W tracked northwestward. Another storm
formed in the area 3 days later and tracked
northeastward into the Gulf of Alaska. Two
storms formed north of latitude 75°N.



The monthly mean sea-level pressure chart reflected the sparsity of cyclones (fig. 39). There were three weak low-pressure centers; one 1004 mb off Hakkaido (43°N, 155°E), a 1005 mb near 43°N, 174°E, and a 1007 mb over the Gulf of Alaska (57°N, 145°W). The western Lows were shifted southwestward from their normal location. The Pacific High was 1028 mb near 38°N, 139°W, about 600 mi northwest of its climatic location and 8 mb higher.



The sea-level pressure anomaly chart (fig. 40) was positive over a large area of the northern and eastern ocean. The zero isoline approximated latitude 20°N from the Mexican Coast to near Hawaii, then northwestward to Sakhalin Island. There were three large positive anomaly centers, plus 13 mb near 57°N , 180° , two plus 11 mb centers near 49°N , 160°W

The 700 mb upper airflow was zonal between latitudes 20°N and 40°N between the Asian Coast to longitude 180°. The center of circulation was over the Kurile Islands higher than climatology. There was an anomalous closed High near 30°N, 140°W. This produced an amplified ridge that stretched northwestward into the Bering Sea. There was a trough over Alaska and slight ridging over the Rocky Mountains as usual.

Extratropical Cyclones -- This month began with a large Pacific High and several other high-pressure centers across the subtropics. LOWs were confined to the northwest ocean. At midweek the Pacific High was retreating southward. A HIGH from the central ocean was tracking northeastward. At end of the week there was high pressure over the northern ocean, a LOW over the Gulf of Alaska and several others over the midlatitudes.

The second week there was a 1048 mb HIGH over the Bering Sea. South of the HIGH the pressure pattern was cut up by many centers. At midweek a severe LOW was development east of northern Japan and another over the Gulf of Alaska. A tongue of high pressure had pushed southward from the Bering Strait by the end of the week separating the two LOWs.

The Pacific High was redeveloping the third week with high pressure over the Chukchi Sea. At midweek the Pacific High was centered on latitude 45°N. There was an intense HIGH over Asia with a 1060 mb subcenter on the northeast coast of Siberia which ridged eastward to the Yukon. LOWs were confined to a northeast-southwest band between the large HIGHS. A large LOW developed over the central ocean. At end of the week the high pressure over the north had weakened but the Pacific High strengthened.

The first storm of the month actually was first analyzed at 1200 January 30, near 40°N, 160°E but did not become significant until February. At 0000 on February 1 it was 968 mb near 53°N, 179°E. The HOEGH MIRANDA (54°N, 168°W) measured 50-kn southeast winds and 20-ft seas. The TOYOTA MARU No. 24 (45°N, 172°W) had 27-kn with 26-ft swells. At 1200 the PACIFIC TRADER (54°N, 178°W) was within 30 mi of the center of the storm with a sea-level pressure of 959 mb. On

the 2d the HARBOUR BRIDGE (55°N, 180°) measured 50-kn winds, 23-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. A Korean ship near 52°N, 169°E had 50-kn winds and 18-ft waves. As the storm moved northward over eastern Siberia it dissipated.

The 1200 analysis of the 3d indicated two new weak LOWs over the western ocean. One was over the eastern tip of Hokkaido and the other to the south near 33°N, 152°E. The northern LOW developed quickly. At 0000 on the 4th Ostrov Urup measured 50-kn winds. The IRIS ISLAND (40°N, 158°E) had only 30-kn winds but reported 31-ft seas and 25-ft swells.

By the 5th the two LOWs were in one cyclonic circulation. One LOW was near 55°N, 155°E at 978 mb and the other 980 mb near 48°N, 168°E. The MAYASAN MARU (53°N, 171°E) measured 57-kn east winds, 13-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The SEISHIN MARU (53°N, 169°E) had 62-kn winds from 120° and 30-ft seas. By 1200 the analysis showed the systems had combined into one LOW. The storm was over Kamchatka on the 6th. The MAYASAN MARU now had 44-kn southwest winds, 17-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. The DAIHO MARU (52°N, 170°E) estimated 62-kn winds and only 17-ft waves. On the 7th the storm had tracked westward into Siberia.

The original LOW associated with this storm formed over the East China Sea on the 8th. As the circulation moved over Japan on the 9th and 10th the circulation broke into three centers. A new center east of Tokyo became the primary center. The PLANTIN (45°N, 150°E) reported 58-kn winds. The PRESIDENT JOHNSON (42°N, 148°E) had 40-kn east winds, 15-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. There were many storm-force winds on the 11th. The PRESIDENT EISENHOWER (40°N, 144°E) measured 27-kn northwest winds, 7-ft seas, with 25-ft swells. The SEA-LAND LIBERATOR (37°N, 154°E) measured 61-kn west winds, 26-ft seas, and 23-ft swells.

At 0000 on the 12th, the storm was 972 mb near 46°N, 155°E. The TAKASAGO (43°N, 152°E) had 48-kn west winds, 30-ft seas and 43-ft swells. The EASTERN ROYAL (45°N, 153°E) measured 47-kn winds, 26-ft seas, and 18-ft swells. The storm moved over the Sea of Okhotsk on the 12th and started to weaken rapidly.

On the 12th there were Tehuantepecer winds over the Gulf of Tehuantepec. A 1031 mb HIGH was centered near Brownsville, Texas. Strong winds poured down the south side of the mountains of the Isthmus (fig. 41). The JINMU MARU (15°N, 96°W) measured 48-kn north winds and 17-ft seas and swells. The ASIAN HIGHWAY (14°N, 96°W) measured 49-kn northeast winds with only 7-ft seas.

This LOW was first analyzed on the 1800 chart of the 12th near 39°N, 154°W. There was already a weak cyclonic circulation in the area associated with an upper-air cut-off LOW. By the 14th the upper-air LOW had moved northward and became the primary upper-air LOW. On the 13th the SHELDON LYKES (34°N, 165°W) had 48-kn north winds and 25-ft swells. At 0000 on the 14th the 970 mb storm was centered near 53°N, 143°W, (fig. 42).

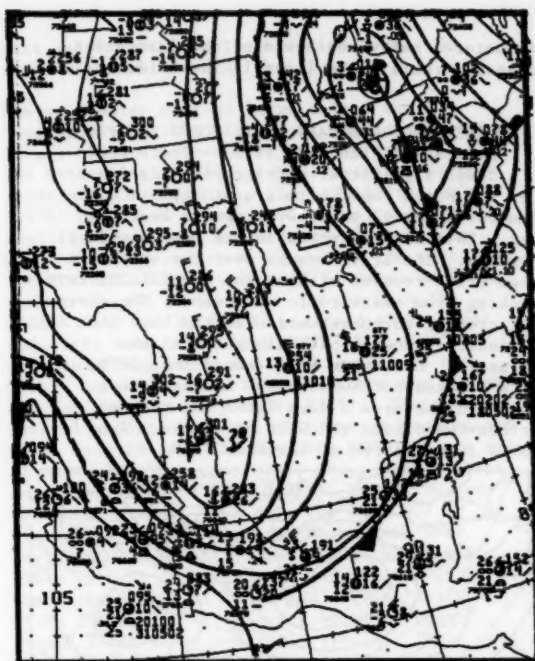


Figure 41.— Analysis for 0000, February 12.

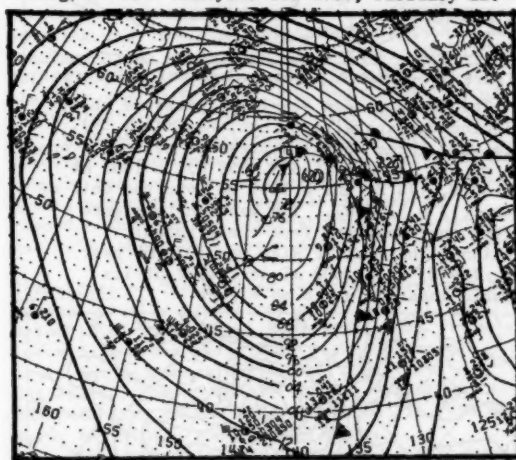


Figure 42.— Analysis for 0600, February 14.

The EXXON PHILADELPHIA (49°N, 133°W) measured 52-kn winds from the southeast and 15-ft waves. The SEIYO MARU measured 52-kn west winds, 7-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. On the 15th the storm was near Yakutat, Alaska. There were many high wind and wave reports. The SEIYO MARU now at 50°N, 137°W now had 39-ft swells. The CHIKUBU MARU (53°N, 134°W) measured 63-kn winds, 26-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The CAMSEL (49°N, 125°W) reported measured 80-kn east winds, no waves reported.

On the 16th the storm was stationary near 59°N, 148°W at 997 mb and weakening. The GOLDEN HAWK (54°N, 146°W) measured 44-kn west winds and 25-ft waves. On the 17th the storm was gone.

There was a report on the 15th by the EXXON LEXINGTON (14°N, 96°W) of 35-kn Tehuantepec winds, 17-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. On the 16th the EXON JAMESTOWN (13°N, 96°W) reported 56-kn north winds and 26-ft seas.

The east coast of northern Honshu supported a weak 1002 mb cyclone on the 0000 analysis of the 13th. Twenty-four hours later it was 974 mb near 38°N, 152°E. The storm curved northward, then westward and northeastward all on the 14th to make an S-shaped pattern. There were many storm-force wind reports and four of 60-kn or greater. The MARITIME LEADER (44°N, 156°E) reported 72-kn southeast winds, no waves. The SUMMIT (44°N, 158°E) measured 69-kn east winds and again no waves reported. The highest waves were 28-ft swells by the PACIFIC VICTORY at 35°N, 148°E. There were still many storm-force winds and high waves on the 15th. The SHUKO MARU (48°N, 151°E) measured 45-kn east winds and 43-ft seas. The TOKYO RAINBOW (44°N, 148°E) had 47-kn west winds, 30-ft seas, and 35-ft swells.

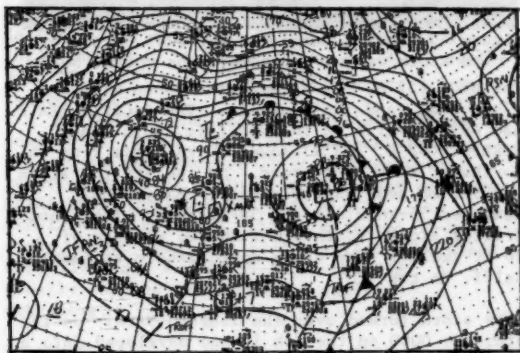


Figure 43.-- Analysis for 0000, February 16.

By the 16th the cyclone had four centers as the original only moved slightly eastward (fig. 43). The GFGS (50°N, 175°W) reported 60-kn east winds, 12-ft seas, and 20-ft swells. The MARILOCK (50°N, 158°E) had 50-kn northeast winds, 26-ft seas, and 31-ft swells. At 0000 on the 17th there were three centers to the elongated storm that stretched three-fourths of the way across the ocean. The deepest was the middle center at 976 mb near 45°N, 180°. The HOEGH DRAKE (30°N, 162°E) reported measuring 6-kn southwest winds and 15-ft seas. Other reports were of lighter winds but 25-to-30-ft waves.

The 0000 analysis of the 18th showed the original LOW had absorbed a frontal wave that had moved into the circulation and became a 964 mb storm near 40°N, 170°E. The PRESIDENT TYLER (44°N, 155°E) measured 35-kn northeast winds, 10-ft seas, and 38-ft swells. The storm was 956 mb at 0000 of the 19th. The highest wind of 50-kn was reported by the OCEAN GARNET (41°N, 175°W) and the highest waves of 30-ft by the SEA-LAND FREEDOM. The storm was weakening on the 20th with some 20-ft swells reported. The storm dissipated over southwestern Alaska on the 24th.

Another storm from the east coast of Honshu. The SUN BRIGHT with a deck cargo of logs that collapsed near 36°N, 135°E had an 18° list. At 0000 on the 22d it was 984 mb near 45°N, 147°E. There were some minimal storm-force winds and high waves. The LA CHACRA (36°N, 169°E) had 40-kn southeast winds and 38-ft seas. The UNITED DRIVE (45°N, 151°E) had only 27-kn winds, 10-ft seas but 35-ft swells. On the 23d two ships near 38°N, 145°E had winds over 50-kn and swells of 25 and 30-ft.

Another LOW had formed at the point of occlusion 1,100 mi to the east elongating the storm to the east, the MINORU (32°N, 144°E) measured 45-kn winds, 25-ft seas, and 28-ft swells. The EVER LIVING (37°N, 174°E) had 33-ft swells on the 25th that continued into the 26th. The PRESIDENT JOHNSON (50°N, 168°W) had 50-kn southwest winds, 20-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The LOW was 970 mb at 54°N, 170°W. On the 27th the USCGC MIDGETT (55°N, 159°W) measured 38-kn winds and 33-ft seas. The storm was gone on the 28th. On the 26th the SOHO MARU No. 52 capsized in high waves south of Kamchatka. Four crewmen were picked up of who two died. Eighteen were missing.

Casualties -- The DAISHIN MARU and FUKUJU MARU collided in fog on the 7th in Kammon Strait. The CHIBATETSU MARU ran aground in dense fog at Chiba on the 21st.

These ships reported heavy weather damage: BALATOC, CRYSTAL No. 1, SARITA, SITI FREDIA, STAR INDONESIA, and VIGOR.

The ALAMO 1 encountered bad weather during the period of 10th to 26th with force 8 and 9 winds. On the 19th at 2100 near 30°N, 132°E heavy waves covered the whole deck and cargo hatches. The rudder was broken and she had to be towed to port.

WEATHER LOG, MARCH 1985 -- In contrast to February, March produced an abundance of significant cyclones. There were two primary paths, one from the vicinity of Tokyo to near 52°N, 165°W where it split northward into Bristol Bay and continued northeastward into the Gulf of Alaska. This path was most active the last 2 weeks of the month. The other path was from the Kurile Islands northeastward across the Bering Sea to Cape Romanzof. This path was most active the first half of the month. Four storms crossed the U.S. West Coast between San Francisco and Seattle.

There were major differences between the monthly mean sea-level pressure chart and its climatic counterpart (fig. 44). Normally the Aleutian Low has two centers, the primary one near 50°N, 170°E and the secondary near 55°N, 145°W. This month there was one 1002 mb Low near Kodiak Island. The Pacific High was near normally located near 35°N, 150°W at 1031 mb. This was 9 mb higher than normal.

The monthly mean sea-level pressure departure from normal or anomaly chart indicated most of the ocean had above normal pressure. The zero isoline stretched from Dixon Entrance to 50°N, 160°W to Mys Olyutorskiy. The negative area included the Gulf of Alaska and the

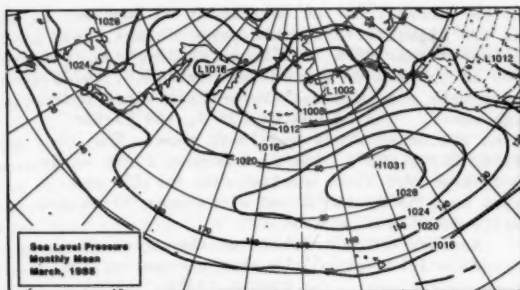


Figure 44.-- Monthly mean sea-level pressure, northeastern Bering Sea. There was a plus 10 mb anomaly center near 39°N, 155°W and a plus 9 mb center near 47°N, 163°E. The negative center was minus 11 mb over the Laptev Sea. The minus 8 mb isoline was slightly north of the Bering Strait.

The upper air flow at 700 mb was primarily zonal between latitudes 30°N, and 60°N. There was slight ridging over the Rocky Mountains north of California and troughing over California - Nevada southward. The climatic LOW over the northern Sea of Okhotsk was missing. The primary circulation center was over the Laptev Sea.

Some Climatology -- On March 12, 1967 a 4 day storm raged over California. The storm produced 96 in of snow in 60 hr at Squaw Valley. Winds of 90 mi/hr closed mountain passes and heavy rains flooded lowlands. On the 20th in 1948 Juneau, Alaska received 31 in of snow in 24 hr, a record.

Extratropical Cyclones -- The month started with high pressure over the eastern ocean and weak LOWs the western half. By midweek the Pacific High was 1052 mb near 47°N, 155°W. High pressure covered most of the ocean except the Gulf of Alaska and east of the Kurile Islands. At the end of the first week there was a severe storm over the Bering Sea.

The second week there was a storm off the California coast and a LOW moving along the Kurile Islands. At midweek another severe storm was over the Bering Sea. By the end of the week most systems were weak.

As the third week started there was a small storm over the north-central ocean that became a large storm over the Gulf of Alaska at midweek. The Pacific High was weak. The Gulf of Alaska hosted another storm at the end of the week.

This storm continued over the Gulf as the fourth week started and another LOW departed Japan and became strong by midweek. There were two strong HIGHS now at 50°N, 165°E and 33°N, 150°W. A cut-off LOW was south of and between the two HIGHS. It broke northward by the end of the week. At the end of the month another storm had formed east of Japan.

This Gulf of Alaska storm formed north of two high pressure cells on the 2d. The storm was 996 mb at 1200 on the 3d near 56°N, 140°W. The PACIFIC PEACE (51°N, 137°W) reported 65-kn west winds, 33-ft seas, and 43-ft swells at 1800.



Figure 45.-- This image was for 2245 on the 4th. The storm was moving toward the south. NOAA.

The NYON (52°N, 147°W) measured 55-kn winds, 17-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. The PACIFIC PEACE had 49-ft swells on the 4th (fig. 45). The NORDPOC (48°N, 133°W) found 60-kn winds from the northwest with 33-ft seas. On the 5th the storm was 998 mb near Cape Flattery. Buoy 46002 measured 55-kn winds and 30-ft seas. The storm drifted slowly southward with two reports of 20-ft swells. The storm moved ashore at Eureka, Calif. on the 7th.

This storm formed over the Tsugaru Strait on the 5th. By 0000 on the 7th it had developed into a 978 mb storm near 50°N, 165°E. The EASTERN VENTURE at 48°N, 161°E had 67-kn winds from the northwest and 44-ft seas and swells. The SHOSHIN MARU (47°N, 166°E) measured 50-kn west winds, 13-ft seas, and 49-ft swells. On the 8th the storm was over the Bering Sea. The NYON (52°N, 170°W) measured 55-kn winds, 20-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The STAR PHILIPPINES (49°N, 174°E) had 28-ft waves. The storm was over Cape Romanzof on the 9th.

Interior Asia produced this cyclone. It was pushed eastward by a huge 1050 mb Asian High. At 1200 on the 9th it was over the Kurile Islands. The ELDA (47°N, 154°E) had 50-kn winds, 23-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. On the 11th the NYON was still trying to make headway westward. She now had 65-kn west winds, 20-ft seas, and 46-ft swells. The ORIENTAL HIGHWAY (48°N, 173°E) had 40-kn winds, 8-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The storm was 960 mb near 55°N, 175°E. The storm was northwest of Saint Paul Island at 0000 on the 12th at 968 mb. The GOLDEN COAST (53°N, 170°W) measured 57-kn winds and 28-ft seas and swells. The storm was weakening further on the 13th with buoys 46001 and 46003 both reporting 20-ft waves.

A front with a series of frontal waves lay south of Japan on the 13th. On the 14th one of these

waves continued to develop and raced eastward. On the 16th it was 976 mb near 47°N, 177°W. The EASTERN GLORY (44°N, 172°W) had 49-kn south winds, 26-ft seas, and 30-ft swells. The OCEAN STEELHEAD (39°N, 174°E) had 53-kn, 12-ft seas, and 25-ft swells. The RICHMOND BRIDGE (49°N, 161°W) had 45-kn winds and 23-ft swells on the 17th. At 0000 on the 18th the storm was 964 mb near 56°N, 162°W and making a cyclonic loop. The DIAHO MARU (54°N, 157°W) had 52-kn winds, 13-ft seas, and 23-ft swells. Many other ships were reporting 40-to 50-kn winds and 20-to 23-ft waves. After the loop the storm continued northward weakening rapidly.

The Kurile Island of Ostrov Urup was the birth place of this storm on the 18th. The LOW moved eastward and under zonal upper-air flow sped to 47°N, 179°E by 0000 on the 20th. The PRESIDENT GRANT (47°N, 172°W) had 40-kn southeast winds. The DUEE (43°N, 177°E) had 54-kn west winds, 13-ft seas, and 21-ft swells. On the 21st the storm was 980 mb near 52°N, 157°W. The KOWA MARU (48°N, 156°W) measured 50-kn southwest winds, 15-ft seas, and 26-ft swells. The EASTERN GLORY and RATNA DEEP both near 48°N, 132°W had winds of 48 and 45-kn and 31-ft swells with the GLORY reporting 34-ft seas, respectively.

At 0000 on the 22d the storm was 976 mb near 56°N, 148°W. There were several reports over 50-kn and waves of 30-ft. Three ships reported winds of 60-kn or more. They were the RATNA DEEP, UNITED FAITH, and ALUCOM. The PRESIDENT TYLER (54°N, 151°W) measured 55-kn winds, 12-ft seas, and 33-ft swells. The winds were 52-kn and swells 30-ft on the 23d. As usually happens the storm was rapidly weakening.

On the 24th there were two large 1034 mb HIGHS, one near 40°N, 145°E and the other near 35°N, 150°W. There was a large LOW north of and between the two. Waves were forming on the front out of the LOW, south of the western HIGH. On the 25th one of the frontal waves continued to develop and on the 26th started to squeeze northward between the HIGHS. The PRESIDENT WASHINGTON (39°N, 178°E) had 55-kn northeast winds, 18-ft seas, and 23-ft swells. At 0000 on the 27th the 980 mb storm was near 42°N, 179°W. The UNKAI MARU (45°N, 179°W) measured 62-kn northeast winds, and 26-ft seas. At 1200 the storm was 960 mb (fig. 46). The VENTURE STAR

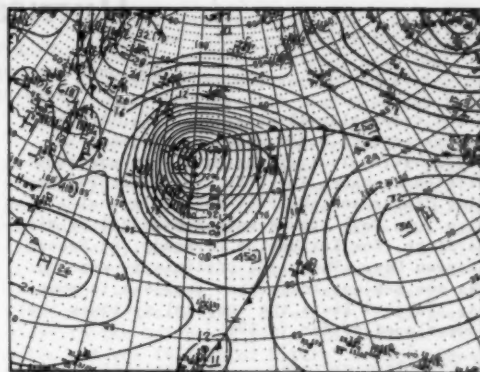


Figure 46.-- A larger view of the meteorological picture at 1200 on the 27th.

(40°N, 178°E) reported only 40-kn winds but had 33-ft seas which continued into the 28th. Several ships had 20-ft swells. Another ship which may have been the BOGASARI LIMA on the west side of the storm had 34-ft swells. The storm was weakening and dissipated on the 31st.

Casualties -- These vessels had problems with fog. The HUACHO 5 grounded on the 5th. The HWA LIE contacted the breakwater entering Keelung harbor and collided with the LILIANA on the 8th. The EASTERN CORRIDOR and STRAIT CONTAINER collided east of Hong Kong on the 16th.

The CRESTBANK dragged anchor in strong winds and contacted the A. CHENG on the 9th. The HOJIN MARU also dragged anchor at Yokohama in strong winds on the 25th and contacted the MONTE EMERALD. The HAEYUNG SILVER grounded at Busan Outer Harbor on the 20th and broke in two.

The ABBEY lost an anchor and 13 lengths of cable in heavy weather. The SE JIN No. 102 sank in high seas off Cheju Island on the 15th. The GOLD PETREL was missing in heavy swell south of Saigon. The RYOFUKU MARU was washed by side waves and developed a list on the 19th near Fukuoka. The crew abandoned ship which was grounded.

The AFRICANA radioed of steering failure amid Antarctic icebergs and bad weather in the Southern Ocean. The winds were reported as force 12.

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The tropical cyclone tracks (fig. 47) and the summaries are based upon information provided by Ted Tsui of the Naval Environmental Prediction Research Facility, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center and the Fiji Meteorological Service. In Fiji storms were summarized by Miss Sudha Singh, Ram Krishna, S.C. Ready, R. Prasad and Sarwan Dey. These are preliminary reports. Tracks are subject to further analysis in some cases. Table 9 lists the tropical cyclones that have developed so far in 1985.

TROPICAL CYCLONES -- JANUARY 1985

Eleven tropical cyclones developed this month, including two tropical storms in the North Pacific, with six hurricanes and three tropical storms roaming the Southern Hemisphere. This was well-above average mainly due to the South Pacific activity.

The two tropical storms in the North Pacific, Elsie and Fabian, formed early in the month and were confined to south of 15°N. Both were short lived. To the south, however, hurricanes Eric and Nigel ravaged the Fiji Islands. Both took very similar tracks and crossed the Islands within 2 days of each other. Nigel formed farther west. Another hurricane, Odette formed in the Coral Sea about the time Eric and Nigel were beginning to move on Fiji. Eric was the first of the small hurricanes to strike, while Nigel followed during the afternoon of the 19th, some 48 hr later. This has never happened before in the recorded history of the Southwest Pacific.

On the 13th a shallow depression appeared, along an active section of the monsoonal trough, with its centre about 450 mi to the west of the Island of Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu. Successive GMS (Geostationary Meteorological Satellite) photos on the 13th and 14th showed an increase in the cyclonic curvature of the convective cloud and a slow eastward movement of the entire cloud system associated with the depression. By 0600 on the 14th the Joint Tropical Cyclone Warning Center reported that prospects for significant tropical cyclone development were good. At 1200 the depression was centered about 150 mi to the west of Espiritu Santo. Around this time, it seemed to be undergoing rapid development as the cyclonic shape of the depression became better defined. By 1600 it was estimated to have gale-force winds close to the center and further development seemed almost certain. On that expectation, the depression was upgraded to a tropical storm and named "Eric".

Eric developed further as it continued to move eastwards at about 8 kn. Just before 1200 on the 15th, it passed close to the Island of Espiritu Santo at near storm intensity. As Eric moved away from Vanuatu, it altered its course slightly towards the east-southeast and increased its forward speed to 11 kn. Over the next 24 hr the cyclone seemed to exhibit a slower rate of growth than earlier in its life

history as a result of weaker convective cloud bands curling into the central area of the system. The cloud associated with the cyclone also appeared to undergo some kind of reorganization, making it difficult to locate the center with any degree of accuracy until the eye was revealed in the GMS imagery at 1600 on the 16th. This visible evidence of an eye confirmed its intensity as hurricane force. An Air Pacific flight bound for Honiara from Nadi was able to view the eye on the radar scope.

Tropical cyclone Eric picked up speed to 15 kn as it came within range of the Nadi surveillance radar at 0030 on the 17th. The eye was clearly defined on the radar screen as a ring of echoes at a distance of 140 mi on a bearing of 270 degrees with a diameter of about 25 mi. The team at the Nadi Tropical Cyclone Warning Center was able to locate the position of Eric on the radarscope every hour until about 0700 when the cyclone was centered about 50 mi to the west-northwest of Nadi and winds were gusting up to 70 kn at Nadi Airport. Further operation of the radar would have exposed the antenna to the possibility of damage from the high winds. The radar antenna was therefore locked in the least resistance attitude during the period of most damaging winds at Nadi Airport. At 0800 the center was lying close to Malolo Island in the Mamanuca Group.

As Eric drew closer and closer to western Viti Levu, it gathered momentum with the forward speed increasing to 26 kn. The diameter of the eye seemed to contract to about 10 mi as the cyclone made landfall on Viti Levu about 5 mi south of Nadi. An eyewitness on Tavarua Island, located about 5 mi to the south of Malolo Island, gave an account of how the southern part of the eye passed overhead between 0815 and 0845 on the 17th before the winds picked up again to hurricane force from a southwesterly direction. Nadi was very close to the northern part of the eye but the winds did not actually drop off as is characteristic with the passage of an eye.

The surveillance radar at Nadi was brought back into operation again at about 1045 following a substantial decrease in the wind. Its image showed how the landmass of Viti Levu had modified the eye region of Eric but the topography didn't seem to have any effect on the forward speed of the cyclone. Eric continued to move east-southeast at about 26 kn and appeared to lose intensity near south-eastern Viti Levu.

Over the Koro Sea, Eric, with storm intensity, held the same course and speed of movement as its center passed about 10 mi to the south of Moala at about 1430 on the 17th. A short time later, Eric exited the Fiji Group on a course for the Haapai Island Group in Tonga. At about 0300 on the 18th the center of Eric seemed to slip just to the south of Monuka Island in the Haapai Group. A report from the Meteorological Office in Nukualofa suggests that the cyclone was still of storm intensity as it moved through Tonga.

Just after 1200 on the 16th, the maximum sustained winds (10 min average) near the center were estimated to have reached 65 kn. Eric gradually acquired an estimated peak intensity of 100 kn at about 0000 on the 17th. By the time Eric had crossed Viti Levu he had lost his hurricane force winds. During the afternoon of the 18th, he passed through Tonga with estimated storm intensity. At Nadi Airport, the wind steadily increased during the afternoon of the 17th to reach storm force (winds over 47 kn) by 0700. Between 0800 and 0900, hurricane force winds up to 72 kn were experienced with a maximum gust of about 105 kn at 0805.

At Laucala Bay (Suva), the wind gradually increased during Thursday evening (17th) to reach gale force (over 33 kn) about 1015 but very quickly rose to storm force by 1100. Close to 1130, the 10-min average wind reached a peak of just under hurricane force with a maximum gust of 91 kn. At Nausori Airport, the wind gradually increased to gale force by 0930 and storm force by 1045 on the 17th. The wind reached a 10-min average peak of 50 kn at 1110 with a maximum gust of 77 kn.

The storm and hurricane force winds associated with Eric produced very severe damage to Lautoka, Nadi, the Islands of the Mamanuca Group and the interior parts of central western Viti Levu. Other, less severe damage occurred at Suva, Lami, Navua, Deuba and the interior parts of southeastern Viti Levu.

The unofficial death toll for Eric is 25. Several hundred other people were left with serious or minor injuries in the wake of the cyclone. A preliminary estimate of the damage caused by Eric totals at least \$40 million.

The devastating effects of Eric can readily be seen in the following list of damage left in its wake:

- 1) Partial or complete destruction of homes and villages (leaving many thousands without shelter), schools, tourist resorts, the Nadi Airport hangar, crash, fire and terminal buildings, various commercial edifices and recreational facilities.
- 2) The disruption of electricity and communications as a result of fallen and broken telephone and power poles, wires and cables (the lowering of Radio Fiji's main transmitting and support towers in Lautoka caused very poor reception for listeners in the Western Division).
- 3) The uprooting, breaking and flattening of trees, crops and plants (a few of the large rainforests lining the Queens Road near Lautoka, which have withstood the test of other tropical cyclones in the past 100 yr or so were uprooted during the passage of Eric).
- 4) The interruption of water supplies in some places.
- 5) Flooding chiefly in low-lying areas close to river systems with associated stock and crop losses.
- 6) The sinking of the Government vessel. NA MATAISAU near Moala Island resulting in the loss of 2 lives, the groundings

of the Government Tug No. 7 on a reef near Gau Island and the inter-island vessel, ZEPHYR on a reef near the Island of Matuku and the capsizing of a small fishing boat near Naselsai Reef (Suva) with the loss of one life.

No significant damage was reported on land as the result of a storm surge. At its peak intensity, Eric was approaching western Viti Levu near the time of low water. Although there was an increase in water levels above the normal tide levels, probably in the order of 2 to 3 m, it was insufficient to cause any damage to areas above the sea shore. In the eastern parts of Fiji, after losing some intensity, Eric passed close to the Island of Moala just before high water and the Islands of Kabara, Fulaga, Ogea Levu and Ogea Driki just after high tide with no apparent damage to crops and structures from a storm surge.

In Tonga, the main damage appeared to be the destruction of a wharf and 80% of the banana crop in the Haapai Group.

In Vanuatu, there were no reports of significant damage on land or at sea as a result of Eric but Nigel left its trail of destruction. This seemed to agree with the idea that Eric didn't acquire storm intensity until it had crossed Vanuatu.

Nigel began as a small depression about 900 mi west of Santo in Vanuatu in an area devoid of ship or land reports. Japanese GMS satellite pictures received at Nadi first revealed the signature of an incipient tropical cyclone on the 15th. By 1800 reports received from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center gave estimated maximum winds of 15 to 25 kn and an eastward movement of 7 kn. Subsequent reports (based on satellite observations during Guam and Brisbane and the Satellite Field Service Station in Honolulu gave estimated maximum sustained winds of below 40 kn. By 1700 on the 16th the eye had become distinct in satellite pictures and Nigel was estimated to have become a hurricane with sustained winds of about 65 kn, moving due east at a speed of about 15 kn and accelerating.

By 0930 on the 17th Eric had caused loss of telephone and telex communications with Suva and hence the outside world. No reports on the cyclone could be received from outside Fiji. Satellite pictures received at Nadi indicated that Nigel was centered about 50 mi to the east of Santo in Vanuatu at 0000 on the 18th, moving eastward at about 18 kn.

Japanese GMS satellite pictures indicated that the system, while continuing to accelerate eastward, had begun to take a slight southward turn. By 2230 on the 18th, Nigel was moving east-southeast at about 20 kn and the eastern segment of its eye-wall began to appear indistinctly on the Nadi Airport Surveillance Radar at a distance of about 195 mi west-northwest of Nadi. By 0300 on the 19th the cyclone had estimated maximum sustained winds of about 75 kn with gusts to 110 kn as assessed from satellite pictures. As the system moved closer to Nadi and the eye became more distinct on the radar screen, it was becoming evident from the large clear area adjacent to the eye wall that the system was beginning to

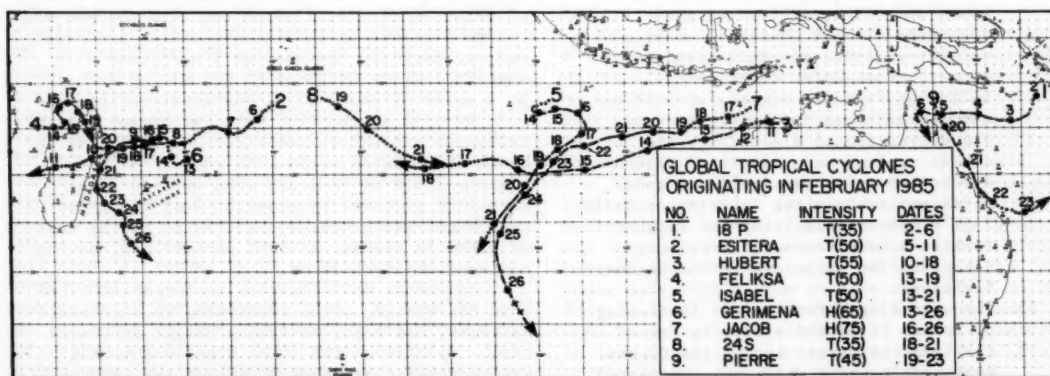
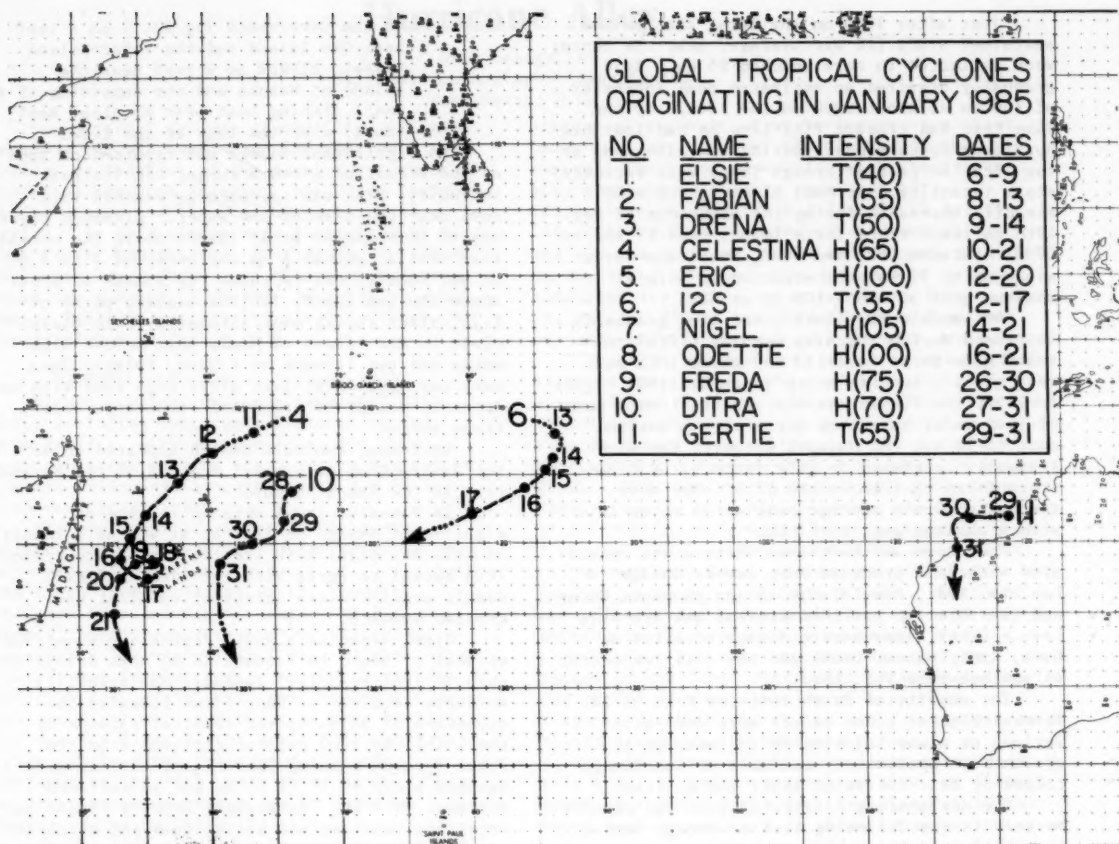
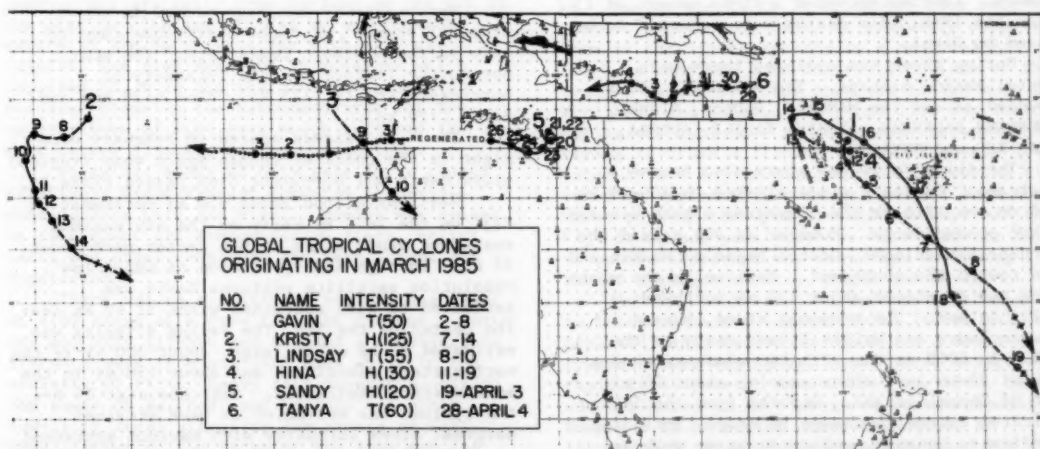
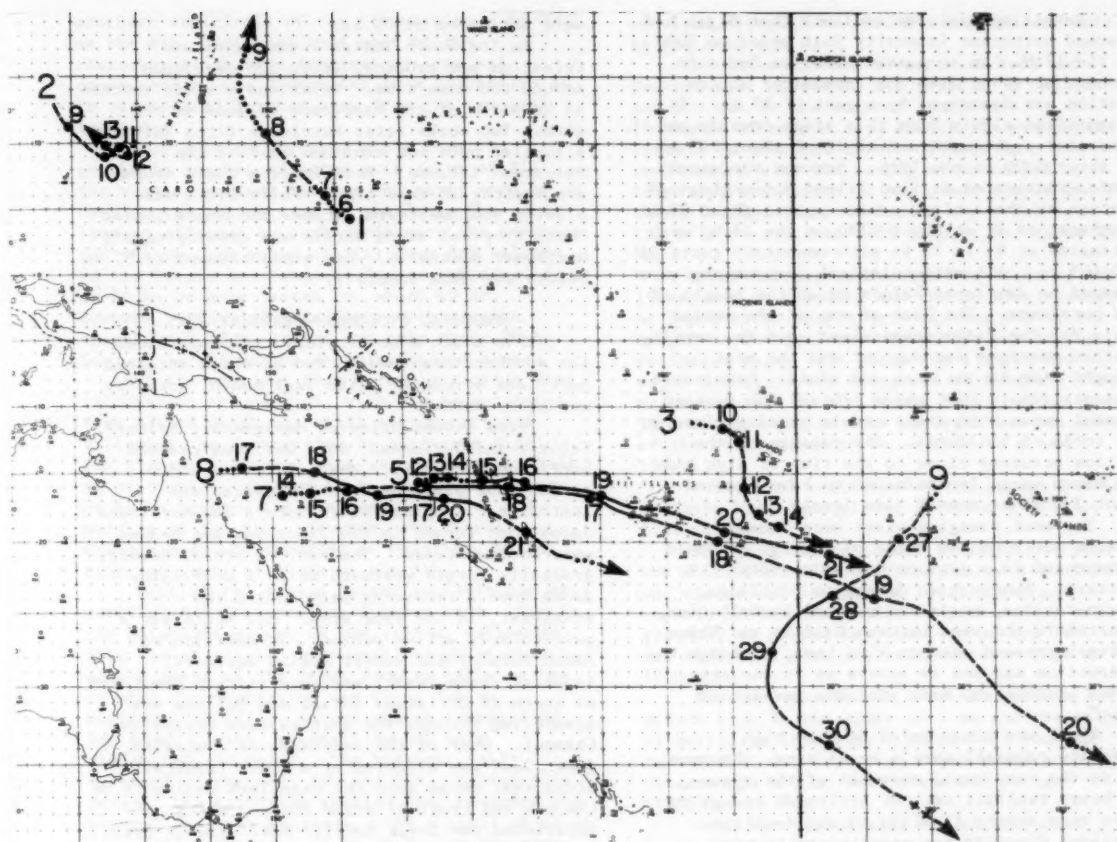


Figure 47.-- Tropical cyclone charts for January, February, and March, 1985.

weaken slowly, possibly due to strong verticle shearing influences aloft and incursion of cool dry air driven up from high latitudes by the circulation of cyclone Eric towards Nigel's center. By 0400 Nigel's eye was passing close to the southern islands of Yasawa Group and northern Mamanucas, moving east-southeast at a speed close to 30 kn. The center of the eye crossed the coast of Viti Levu close to the west

of Ba at about 0515. As the system moved inland its circulation weakened further due to friction and decreased moisture intake, and the intensity quickly dropped to gale force with maximum sustained winds estimated at about 45 kn.

The system crossed eastern Viti Levu maintaining gale intensity, and began a slow turn eastward. By about 0900 the center of Nigel lay close to the island of Wakaya in the



Lomaiviti Group, moving eastward at about 20 to 25 kn. On its track across Viti Levu, Nigel brought hurricane force winds and very heavy rain to the southern islands of the Yasawa Group including Waya and Viva islands, the northern islands of the Mamanuca Group, and a small

segment of Viti Levu between Lautoka and Tavua and the interior of Viti Levu. A small portion of the remaining northwestern section of Viti Levu and some parts of the Yasawa and Mamanuca Groups sustained storm-force winds. Gales affected many other parts of the group.

Satellite pictures indicate that Nigel had reached hurricane intensity just prior to 0000 on the 17th. As it passed close to Santo in Vanuatu at about 2140 the anemometer at the station was destroyed by a gust of 85 kn. It intensified slowly from this stage onwards and generated peak sustained winds of about 105 kn at about 0300 on the 19th. Maximum sustained winds experienced at Viwa Island Meteorological Station as the cyclone center passed about 20 mi southwest of it at about 0330 on the 19th, were estimated at 65 to 70 kn with momentary gusts of 100-105 kn. All meteorological instruments were damaged or destroyed before or at the height of the hurricane. The base of one of the aerial masts for the radio transceiver used for sending weather messages was dug out and the mast brought down by the seas and winds. Eyewitness accounts relate that waves crossed the western coastal areas with their crests passing close to the roofs of buildings. The passage of the cyclone occurred close to the time of high tide and storm surge is estimated to have reached about 3 m above normal tide levels.

The most damaging winds were clearly located north of the track of the eye as would be expected in a cyclone moving rapidly eastward. Substantial damage to buildings, communications, roads and coastal installation, occurred in the area between Lautoka and Tavua as Nigel crossed western Viti Levu, although the destruction was not as severe as in the area around Lautoka and Nadi with the passage of "Eric".

Nigel was accompanied by very high intensity rainfall over a small area. However, due to the very rapid movement of the system, the heavy rainfall was not prolonged enough to cause very severe flooding in any locality. Localized flooding was experienced in many places including Lautoka, Ba and Wailoa river (near Monasavu) and possibly in the outlying islands. Lautoka recorded a 24-hr amount of 15 in on the 19th. Six deaths were reported to be caused by Nigel.

During these two cyclones there were several marine mishaps. The HAO CHUEN NO. 1 grounded as did the MANGARU, DEDELE, KISMET, FEDERESSEN NALKUTAN, ATCHIN, KALILI, AURORA, LUNA, KEO and ONMA.

The third Coral Sea storm also became a hurricane. Odette's winds climbed to 100-kn at 0600 on the 19th as she traversed a path similar to her predecessors. However as she neared the New Hebrides Islands, Odette began to weaken and turn toward the southeast. Earlier in the month Drena had developed about 120 mi northwest of Wallis Island. The tropical storm, passed between Samoa and Wallis Island early on the 11th. By 0000 on the 12th her winds reached a peak of 50-kn just after passing about 20 mi west of Keppel Island. Reports from the Island indicated extensive damage to crops, including breadfruit, bananas, and coconuts as well as damage to several houses.

Late in the month Freda reached hurricane strength in the South Pacific. She formed about 80 mi west-northwest of Aitaki in the Southern Cooks on the 26th, which was as close as she came to any inhabited island. Her maximum winds

were estimated at 75 kn.

In the South Indian Ocean hurricane Celestina and tropical storm 12S developed around the same time. Celestina's winds reached 65 kn north of the Mascarene Islands on the 14th. Two weeks later hurricane Ditra followed a similar path but remained east of the Mascarene Islands. Details from these storms are sketchy at this time. While Ditra was plowing southwestward, across the South Indian Ocean tropical storm Gertie was developing off Northwest Australia. Her winds climbed to 55 kn before she made landfall.

TROPICAL CYCLONES--FEBRUARY 1985

This month nine tropical cyclones roamed the southern hemisphere, two of which attained hurricane strength. Like last month, activity was above normal.

Three storms affected Madagascar; Esitera, Feliksa and Gerimena. Only Gerimena reached hurricane intensity. Most of this month's action took place between Madagascar and Australia. Tropical storm Hubert and hurricane Jacob both formed in the Timor Sea and headed west-southwestward. The earlier storm, Hubert, gradually turned westward while a week later Jacob took a recurving path toward the southwest, in the same area. Mid-month was a particularly active period. In addition to Jacob forming and Hubert moving westward, tropical storm Isabel was intensifying about 180 mi south of Christmas Island and Feliksa was meandering through the northeastern Mozambique Channel. Over on the east side of Australia, Queensland was affected by a small tropical storm that moved onto the Cape York Peninsula on the 6th and tropical storm Pierre, which paralleled the Great Barrier Reef late in the month.

TROPICAL CYCLONES--MARCH 1985

March activity was near normal as three tropical storms and three hurricanes came to life in the Southern Hemisphere. The most noteworthy feature was the intensity of hurricanes Kristy (125 kn), Hina (130 kn) and Sandy (120 kn).

The Fiji Islands spared in February were right in the thick of things again when tropical storm Gavin and hurricane Hina passed close by.

Gavin developed about 450 mi northwest of Fiji on the 2d. By early on the 4th maximum sustained winds close to his center were about 35 kn. Through interpretation of GMS-3 low resolution satellite pictures Gavin was estimated to have sustained winds of 40 kn near the center on the 5th. The radius of gales was estimated to be quite large, about 300 mi in the northeastern semicircle and about 150 mi in the southwestern semicircle. Over the next 24 hrs. the cyclone was estimated to have attained marginal storm intensity with maximum sustained winds of 50 kn near the center. At this stage it was centered about 240 mi southwest of Nadi. There was no significant change in the intensity of Gavin on the 6th and the 7th as it continued to move along a southeasterly track at an average speed of 10 kn. However the wider area of gales was assessed to have spread into the

southern semicircle of the circulation. By 0600 on the 8th, Gavin had lost most of the characteristics of a tropical cyclone and consequently, was downgraded to a depression as it accelerated further away from the tropical latitudes.

Near gale or stronger winds from the northerly quarter affected most parts of Fiji for varying periods between the early morning of the 5th and the morning of the 7th. The areas longest affected by such winds were the northern and the western parts of Viti Levu and islands in the Yasawa and Mamanuca Groups, where winds of 25 kn or more lasted for about 40 hr. However, winds, of gale force with average speeds over 33 kn lasted for only about 20 hr but not in all of the above-mentioned areas.

Of the stations that normally provide wind information around Fiji, with the exception of Viwa Island which was still non-operational following the destruction by hurricane Nigel, the highest sustained wind was recorded by Nadi Airport which reported 42 kn and maximum gusts of 64 kn between the evening of the 5th and morning of the 6th. However, the overall maximum gust was recorded at Ono-i-Lau which reported gusts of 65 kn on the 7th.

Most of the damage caused by Gavin can be attributed to the prolonged heavy rain. Due to the extensive nature of the system, rainbands from the associated monsoonal trough started to affect parts of the Group from as early as the 2d when the depression was lying far to northwest of Fiji. As the system intensified and moved closer, rainfall became more widespread and heavy. The heaviest falls occurred on the 4th, 5th and 6th. During this period, the reporting station that recorded the highest fall was Monasavu, with a total of 27.44 in. Kora-O received 21.81 in during the same period. Rarawai Mill in Ba recorded a total of 9.44 in for the 4th and 5th inclusive. No reading was available from Rarawai on the 6th as the station site was flooded by overflowing waters of the Ba river. The highest 1-day rainfall was also recorded at Monasavu which reported 13.86 in for the 5th. Monasavu is situated close to the catchment area for the major rivers of Viti Levu which suffered the most severe flooding during the cyclone.

Sustained winds of only gale force caused relatively minor damage compared to Gavin's predecessors Eric and Nigel. Damage was caused to some power and communication lines, relief tents and other temporary shelters, crops and vegetation.

There was no significant rise in sea level or storm surge as a result of the cyclone. Gavin was not very intense and tracked a considerable distance away from any land mass while in the vicinity of Fiji. Heavy rain brought floods to the towns of Ba, Nadi and Lautoka and other low-lying areas alongside the rivers of Viti Levu, including the banks of the Rewa and the Sigatoka rivers. Roads and bridges were flooded and closed to all traffic for considerable periods of time, especially over the main island. Crops and vegetation were either severely damaged or swept away in many flooded areas. Losses of livestock is likely to have

occurred although no specific mention was made in the news media.

The international airports at Nadi and Nausori were closed to all traffic on the 5th and 6th due to the weather conditions. Thousands of people took shelter in evacuation centers in affected areas. Floods in combination with the strong winds caused temporary disruption to the power supply and communication links including the break-down of the AFTN circuits at Nadi Airport for about 24 hr.

Local newspapers reported the loss of three lives, two by drowning and one by electrocution. At least seven people were missing during the height of the cyclone. Possibly, due to the prolonged heavy rain about the time of Gavin, a major landslide was triggered at Namara village on Ways island in the Yasawa Group, about a week later. No injuries were reported but the site of the village had to be shifted to a new location.

Unofficial estimates of the damage caused by Gavin have been placed at about a million Fiji dollars.

Shipping damage caused by Gavin included the WELLINGTON STAR which sustained structural and electrical damage. A local passenger vessel, MATTHEW FLINDERS, dragged anchor and grounded at Saweni Bay, Lautoka on the 5th. She was refloated with the assistance of tugs on the 10th.

Hina was the fourth tropical cyclone to affect Fiji in the space of 2 mo and the third of hurricane intensity. Historical records reveal that the last time three hurricanes occurred in a 2 mo period was 110 yr ago (1875).

Hina was potentially one of the worst hurricanes to have approached Fiji. It was estimated to have maximum 10 min average winds of 120 kn close to its center with gusts to 160 kn. During the 24 to 36 hr before Hina made its closest approach to Fiji, it gradually recurved from an east-southeasterly to a southeasterly track so that the most destructive winds of the cyclone passed over the open sea to the west of Viti Levu and Kadavu. Only one life was lost during the cyclone - a Nadi farmer drowned while trying to cross a flooded creek. The very low fatality and injury figures recorded during Hina could be explained partly by the fact that the worst part of the wind circulation kept off the Fiji Group and partly by the fact that the level of public awareness was very high following the recent passages of Eric, Nigel and Gavin.

At 0000 on March 12 a depression that was to become Hina was located about 140 mi east of Espiritu Santo Island in Vanuatu. A drift towards lower latitudes, contributed towards its rapid development. Around 1200 the 13th, Hina was estimated to have acquired storm intensity. During a 12 hr period after this time, an established ridge of high pressure over the Coral Sea influenced the movement of the cyclone and apparently helped steer it away to the north. At about 0000 on the 14th, Hina turned towards the right, to follow a northeasterly course and it continued to intensify up to hurricane strength by 1200. Between 1200 on the

14th and 0000 on the 15th, Hina moved towards the east at 8 kn, double the past speed. During the period in which the cyclone had described a pronounced parabolic path between latitudes 15°S and 11°S, Hina intensified quickly to a full-fledged hurricane. A very small, indistinct eye appeared to show up in the Janapnese GMS-3 (Geostationary Meteorological Satellite) picture just to the west of Vanikoro in the eastern part of the Solomon Islands group on the 14th. However, an eye did not appear as a regular feature in the satellite imagery until after 0000 the 15th. At this stage it became clearly visible in both the GMS-3 and Meteor 2-11 (Russian polar orbiting satellite) pictures.

Between 0000 and 1200 on the 15th, Hina turned towards the east-southeast and picked up speed to 12 kn. It continued to intensify and the maximum sustained winds were estimated to have reached 100 kn with gusts to 140 kn around 1200 on the 15th. Reports in the vicinity of the system indicated that Hina had a small diameter circulation, very tightly wound up near the center. Its track seemed to take it close to Tikopia Island in the eastern Solomons.

Hina progressed further towards the east-southeast and continued to intensify. It gradually recurved to the southeast at about 17 kn on the 16th. During this same period, the shape of its entire cloud system seemed to undergo a marked stretching southwards along the longitudinal axis. At around 1200 Hina was deemed to have reached its maximum intensity with maximum sustained winds of 130 kn and gusts up to about 160 kn near the center. That occurred about the time when Hina first came into radar view at Nadi Airport. Hina produced some spectacular echo signatures on the radarscope throughout the night until it was located about 80 mi from Nadi along a bearing of 267 degrees at 1830 on the 16th. By this time the winds at Nadi Airport were gusting up to 80 kn so the radar antenna had to be locked in an attitude of least resistance for protection.

A comparison between the maximum windspeed reports at Nadi Airport and Vunisea (Kadaru) suggests that Hina had weakened to some extent during its brief passage near the western most part of the Fiji Group.

The extension of an upper-level trough into tropical latitudes helped to steer the cyclone along a track that would take the central and most devastating part of Hina just out of reach of any of the Islands in the Fiji Group. While Hina was passing about 60 mi to the southwest of Nadi Airport on the 17th, the winds there rose to a maximum 10 min average of 64 kn with a maximum gust recorded at 95 kn. The southwestern tip of Viti Levu including Sigatoka would have also experienced similar or slightly stronger winds as the center of Hina drew close to 40 mi southwest of Viti Levu at its nearest approach.

Storm or hurricane force winds among the islands in the Yasawa and Mamanuca Groups, over southwest Viti Levu west of a line from Ba to Korolevu, Vatulele, and Kadavu caused damage to some buildings and miscellaneous amenities but in no way could these be compared with the severe losses incurred during the passages of

Eric and Nigel in January. If the very destructive winds closer to the center of Hina had moved nearer Fiji, the damage could have been much worse and more widespread.

Widespread flooding did occur about northern and western parts of Viti Levu, the Mamanucas, Kadavu and Vatulele. Most of these places were affected by flooding 11 days beforehand in association with tropical cyclone Gavin. Although the flooding seemed to be worse during Hina, the rainfall amounts in the catchment areas of the main river systems seem to have been much less. However, the initial groundwater levels in these areas would have been much higher as a result of the rain received during tropical cyclone Gavin. The Ba bridge was flooded for the second time in less than 2 wk and the floodwater levels in Nadi town rose again, this time to 1-2 m. A large percentage (60% in parts of the Sigatoka Valley) of recently planted crops and crops that had survived the other recent cyclones sustained damage or were destroyed. Several river crossings about the interior of Nadi and Sigatoka including the Draiba bridge were washed away. Landslides were triggered in many places and, as a result of one, the pipeline between the Vaturu Dam and the Nagado Treatment Plant was broken at several points. This mishap caused interruptions to the supply of water to both Nadi and Lautoka for a few days.

A storm surge of 1 mi or so was estimated to have occurred along the southwest Viti Levu coast especially between Vuda and Momi Bay at the time the cyclone was situated closest to Viti Levu. The normal tidal levels were more than half way to low water when the greatest effect of a storm surge would have been felt over southwest Viti Levu. There have been no reports of any damage as a result of this surge.

Reports from the Solomon Islands have classified Vanikoro, Utupua and Tikopia as disaster areas. Apparently, a significant storm surge was experienced over Tikopia during the passage of Hina, around 0900 on the 15th, causing the destruction of the hospital and many other buildings. The island of Santa Cruz suffered less severe damage than Vanikoro, Utupua and Tikopia; however some buildings lost their roofs.

Kristy roamed the waters of the central South Indian Ocean for a week. She was of hurricane intensity from the 8th through the 12th. On the 10th maximum winds were estimated at 125 kn with 100 kn winds extending out 45 mi and gales reaching out to about 300 mi. The other major hurricane, Sandy, formed and intensified in the Gulf of Carpentaria in a very short period of time. Before barging ashore west of Limmen Bight on the 24th, maximum sustained winds had climbed to 120 kn. The storm played havoc with trawlers in the Gulf, beaching the KFY HAYMAN and the SEA FEVER within 200 mi of each other. Sandy also caused severe damage at Bing Bong Station. In early April Tanya, which had formed in late March, moved through the Gulf but as a depression. Tropical storm Lindsay developed in the Timor Sea and moved ashore along Eighty Mile Beach in Western Australia on the 9th.

Table 9.— Tropical Cyclone Watch, 1985

Australia - South Pacific

Drena	9P T Jan.
Eric	11P H Jan.
Nigel	13P H Jan.
Odette	14P H Jan.
Freda	16P H Jan.
--	18P T Feb.
Hubert	20S H Feb.
Jacob	25S H Feb.
Pierre	26S T Feb.
Gavin	27P T March
Lindsay	29S T March
Hina	30P H March
Sandy	31P H March
Tanya	32P H March
Gretel	34P T April
Margot	35S H April

South Indian Ocean

Celestina	10S T Jan.
--	12S T Jan.
Ditra	15S H Jan.
Gertie	17S T Jan.
Esitera	19S T Feb.
Feliksa	21S T Feb.
Isabel	22S T Feb.
Gerimena	23S H Feb.
--	24S T Feb.
Kristy	28S T March
Helisaonina	33S H April

Western North Pacific

Elsie	TD 1W T Jan.
Fabian	TD 2W T Jan.
Gay	TD 3W H May
Hal	TD 5W H June
Irma	TD 6W H June
Jeff	TD 7W H July
Kit	TD 8W T Aug.
Lee	TD 9W T Aug.
Mamie	TD 10W H Aug.
Nelson	TD 11W H Aug.

Eastern North Pacific

Andres	TD 1E T June
Blanca	TD 2E H June
Carlos	TD 3E T June
Dolores	TD 4E H June
Enrique	TD 5E T June
Fefa	TD 6E T July
Guillermo	TD 7E T July
Hilda	TD 9E T July
Ignacio	TD 11E H July
Jimean	TD 10E H July
Kevin	TD 12E T July
Linda	TD 13E T July
Marty	TD 14E H Aug.

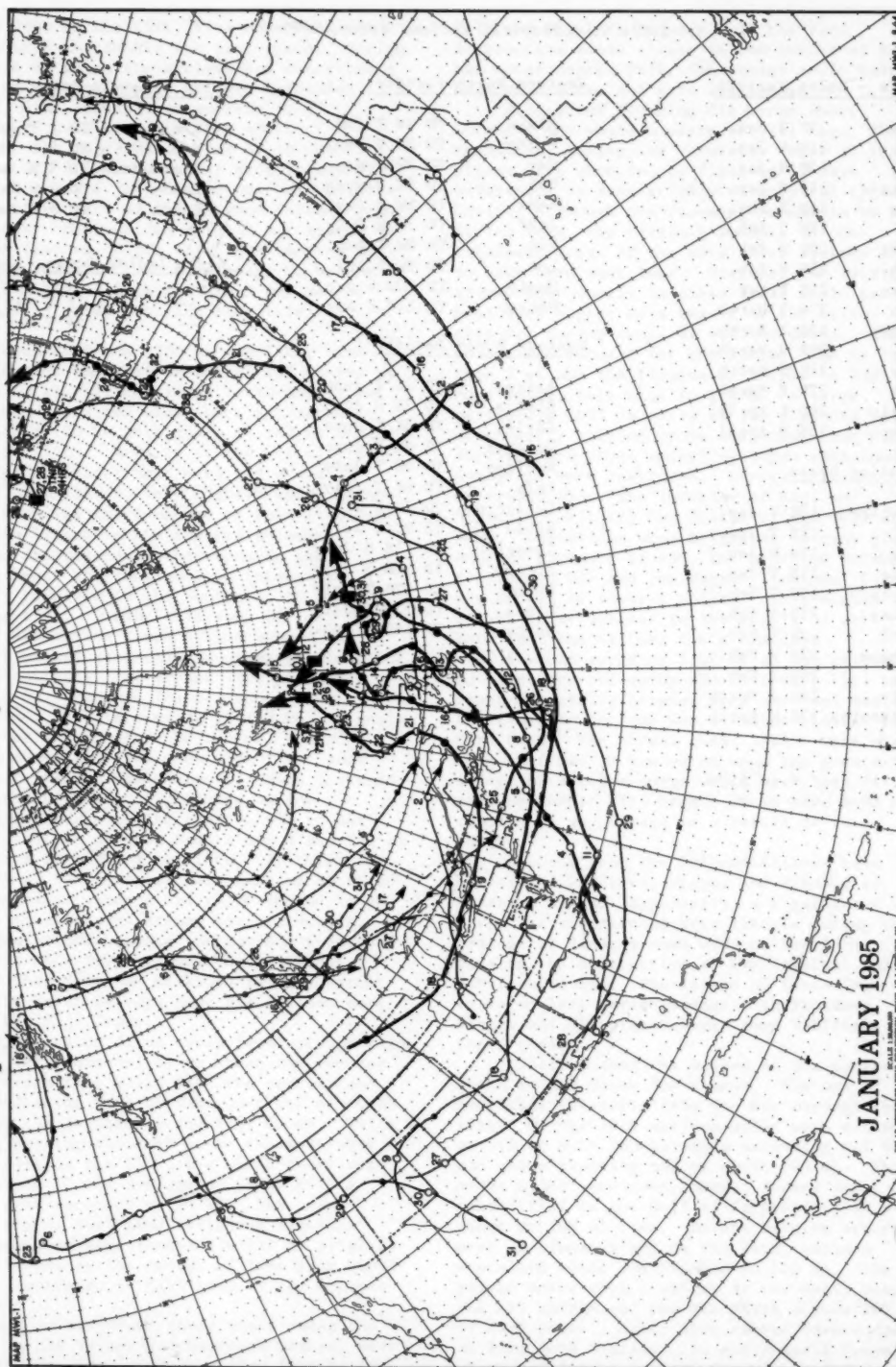
North Atlantic Ocean

Anna	TD 1 T July
Bob	TD 2 H July
Claudette	TD 3 H Aug.
Danny	TD 4 H Aug.
Elena	TD 5 H Aug.

North Indian Ocean

--	1B T May
--	2A T May

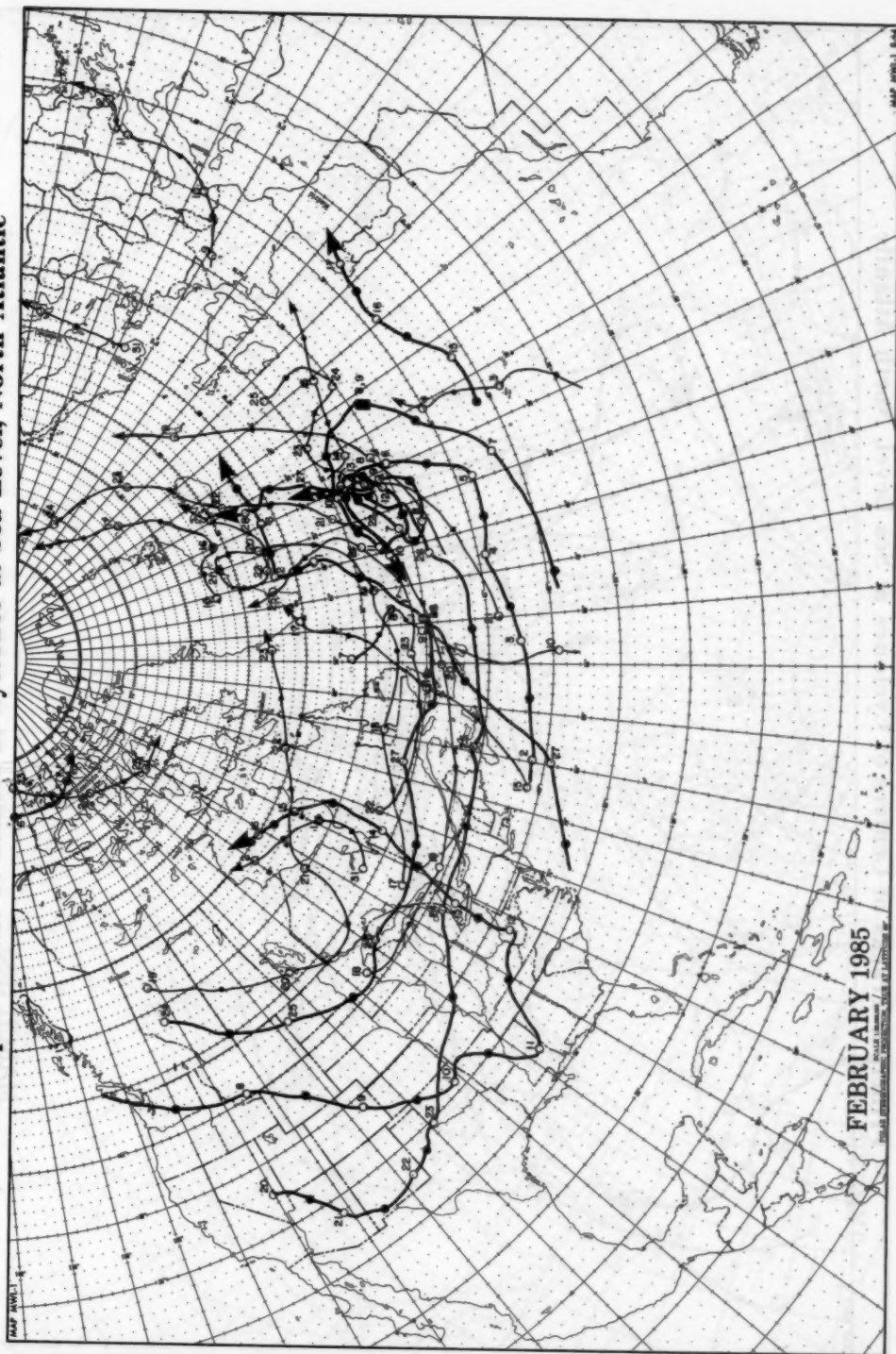
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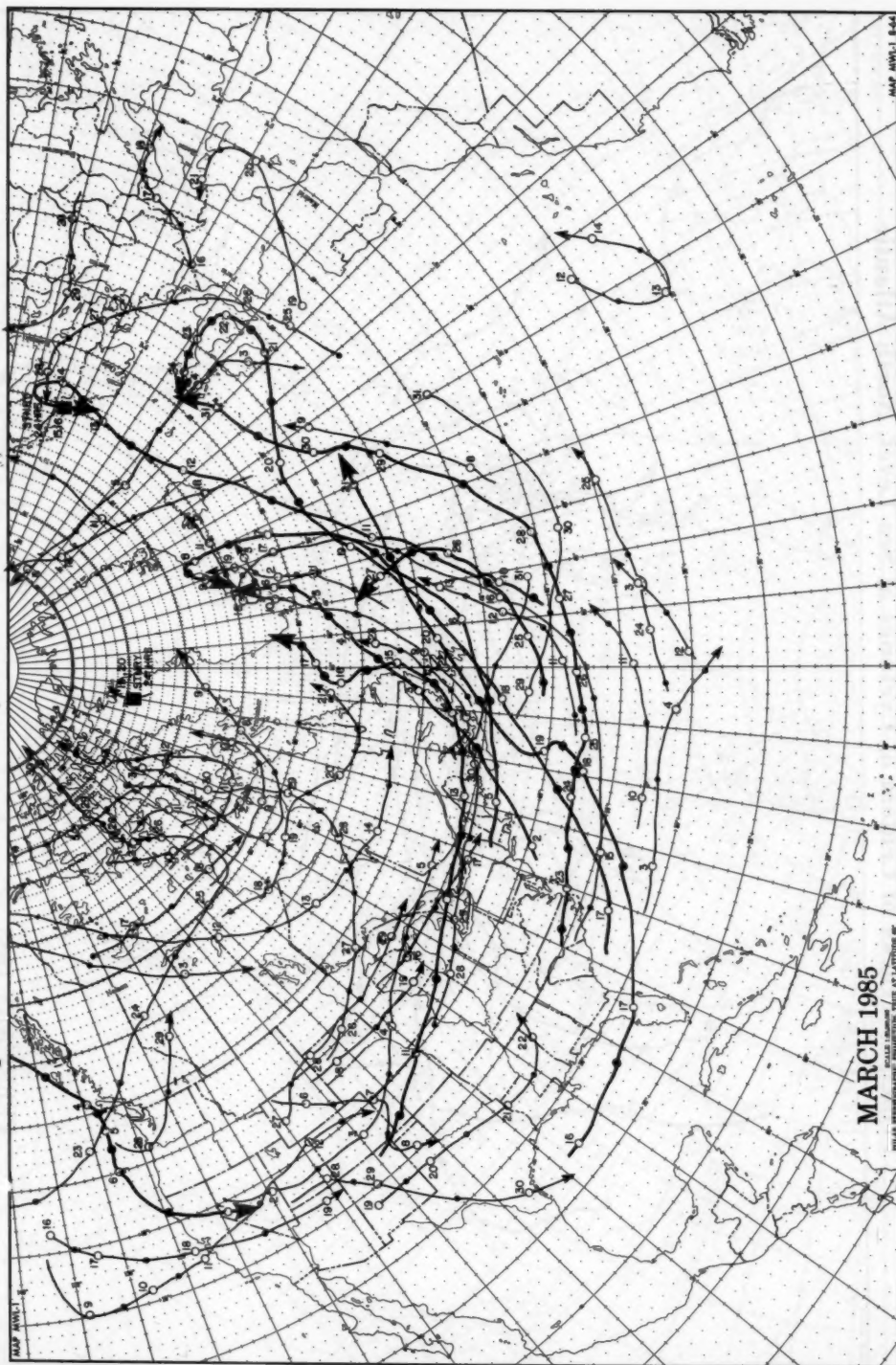
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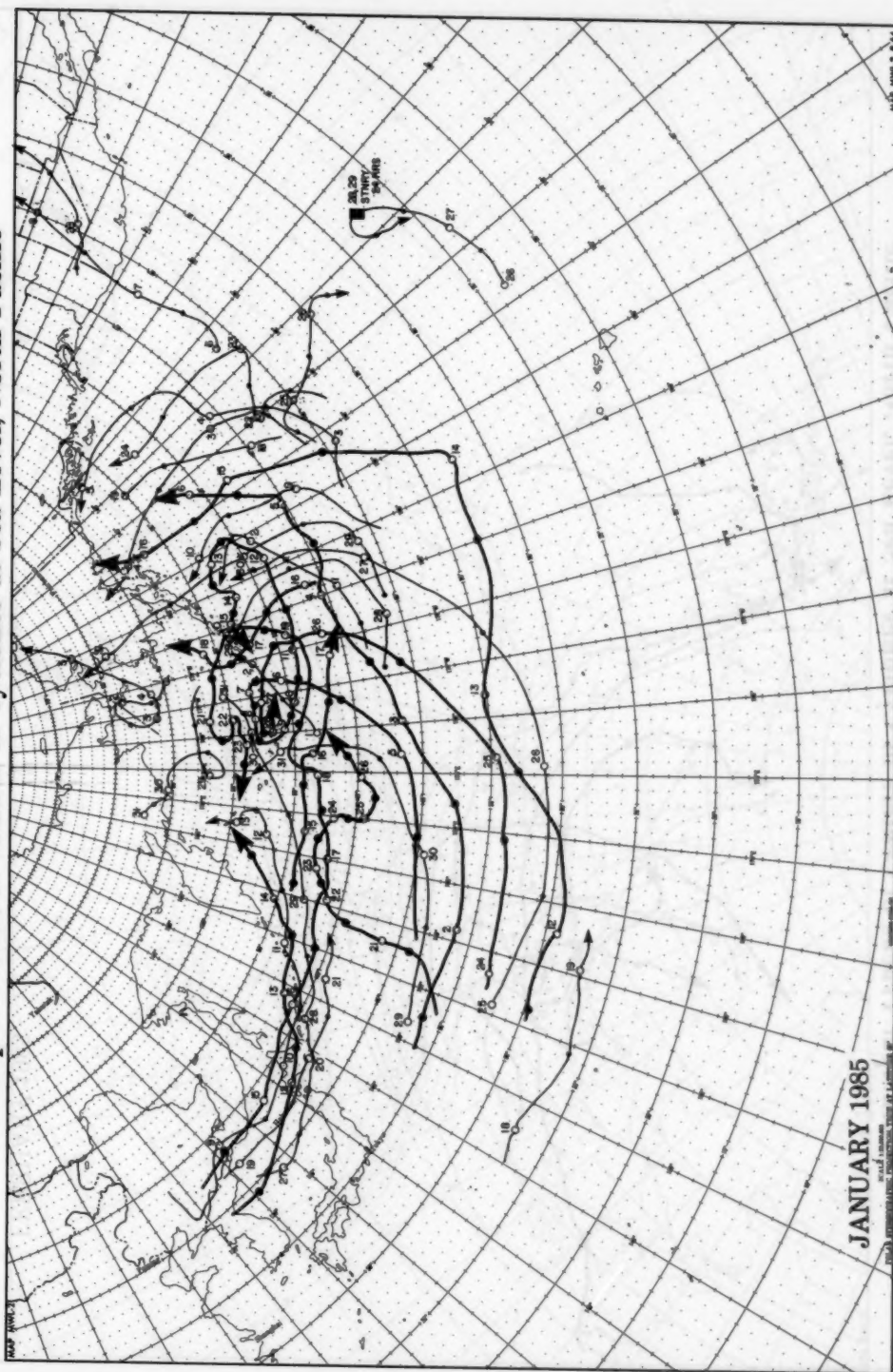
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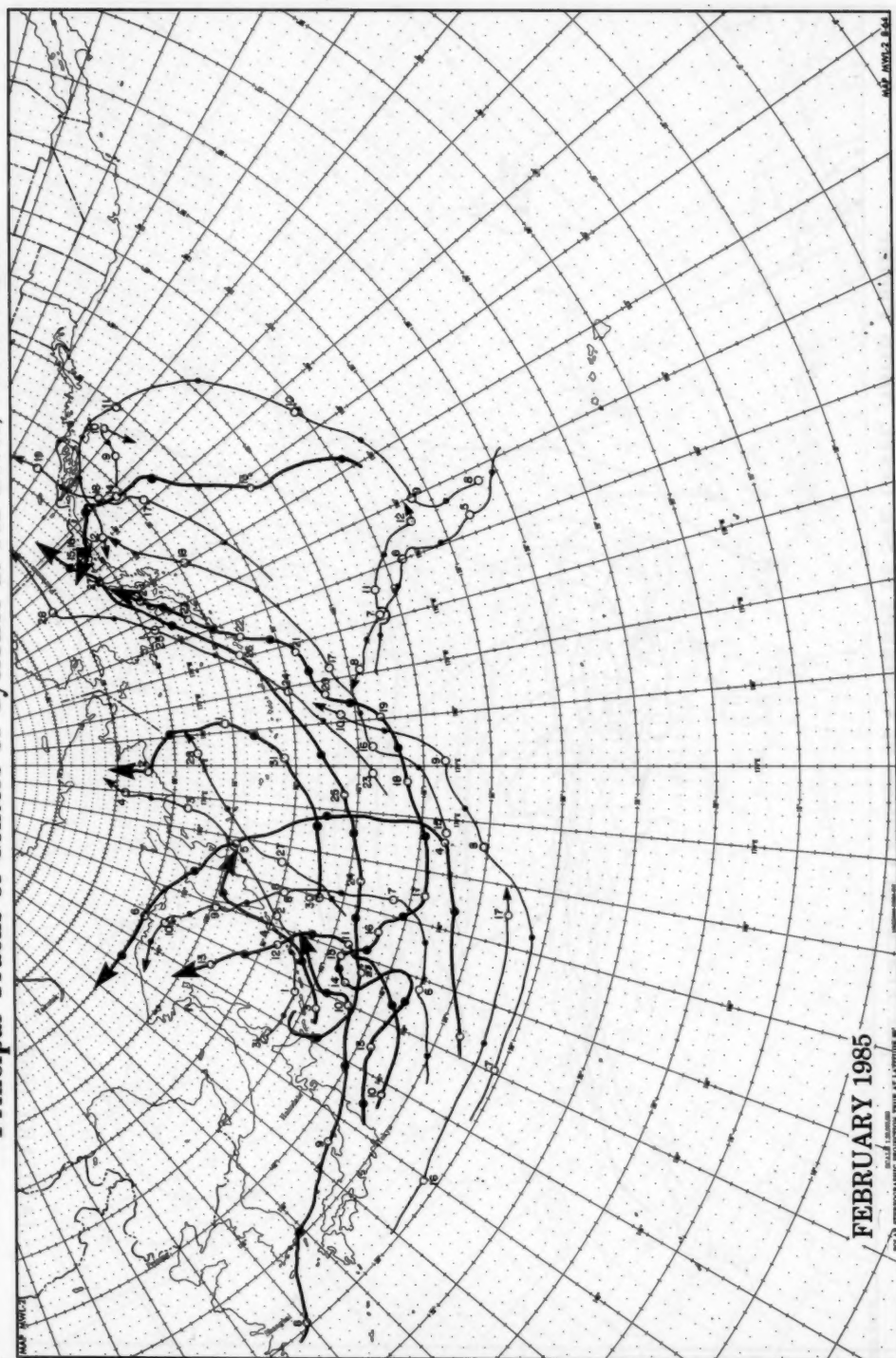
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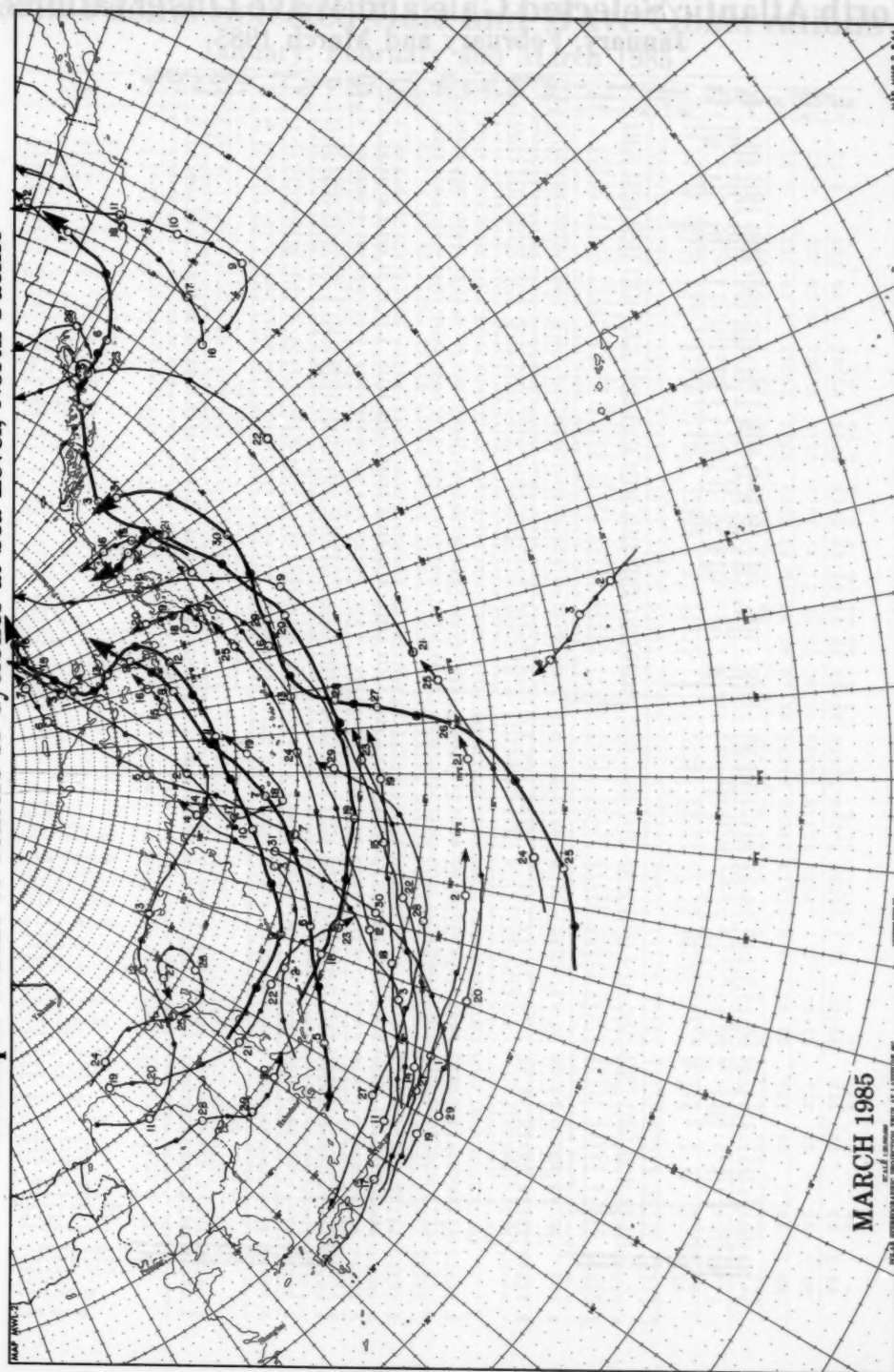
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North Atlantic Selected Gale and Wave Observations

January, February and March 1985

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 S Direction or period of waves indeterminate
 N Unmeasured wind

NOTE: The observations are selected from those with winds ≥ 40 km or waves ≥ 20 ft from April through September and 45 km or 30 ft October through March.

North Pacific Selected Gale and Wave Observations

January, February and March 1985

Vessel	Nationality	Date	Position of Line		Time	Wind	Wave	Visibility	Present Weather	Pressure	Temperature		Sea	Wind	Wave	Wave	Wave
			Lat	Long	GMT	Dir	Sp	ft	n. m.	mb	Air	Sea	ft	Dir	Sp	ft	Dir
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NEPTUNE DIAMOND	99VT	1	40.9 N	173.0 W	00	29 H 48		5 NM	SD	0991.5	5.0	9.7	9	13	31	12	25
STAR CARRIER	DSMC	2	44.0 N	176.7 E	00	27 H 23		5 NM	02	0998.0	4.0	9.0	10	26	09	10	21
HOUGH MERRANNA	LICZ	2	43.0 N	161.4 E	00	31 H 50		10 NM	02	1006.3	0.2						
MOBIL MERIDIAN	KDSM	2	54.6 N	135.6 W	06	14 30		2 NM	51	1018.0	7.8	6.7	2	8	22	8	24.5
VAN HAUH	DSZU	3	43.8 N	178.4 E	18	36 H 45		1 NM	84	0993.0	2.0	1.0	8	14.5			
ARCED		4	40.8 N	179.5 W	00	30 H 40		25 NM	94	0995.0	5.0	3.0					
NITTECO	OKTZ	4	37.7 N	164.3 W	18	28 45		5 NM	18	0998.0	10.0	14.0	14	26			
STALAND EXPLORER	WJFJ	4	72.0 N	167.6 W	18	31 H 42		5 NM	80	1017.5	14.0	17.0	10	24.5	29	10	24.5
EVER VISOH	BNCM	4	73.0 N	168.5 W	23	20 H 24		10 NM	01	1018.0	15.5	18.0	3	6.5	27	10	26
NITTECO	OKTZ	5	37.6 N	164.8 W	00	27 H 45		5 NM	81	1005.0	13.0	14.0	12	32.5	27	10	13
STALAND EXPLORER	WJFJ	5	32.2 N	168.0 W	00	31 H 24		10 NM	01	1019.4	18.0	19.0	10	24.5	31	10	28
ORIENTAL EXPLORER	9WNV	5	27.3 N	168.9 W	06	06 H 14		10 NM	02	1022.5	18.0	22.0	5	6.5	31	10	26
EASTERN SPACE	BNCM	5	41.2 N	162.2 E	12	30 H 48		2 NM	90	0985.5	5.0						
ORIENTAL EXPLORER	DSND	5	39.7 N	167.2 E	00	27 H 55		25 NM	45	1006.0	12.0	16.0	4	13	29	10	26
NATIONAL DIGNITY	DSRG	6	39.7 N	178.4 E	06	26 H 46		2 NM	20	0983.0	9.0	10.0	10	14.5	26	16	26
KENAT	DSND	6	56.5 N	141.5 W	06	12 H 40		5 NM	44	1007.4	4.0	4.4	10	12	13	10	
EVER SUPERB	HONF	6	48.9 N	173.5 W	09	16 H 51		5 NM	18	0997.0	4.0	7.0	12	18	17	13	19.5
SANKO ATALEA	SELBZ	7	78.9 N	170.6 W	00	27 H 55		10 NM	15	0983.5	10.5	13.0	7	19.5	18	8	29.5
ARCTIC TOKYO	SLJT	7	53.2 N	172.5 E	18	36 H 50		1 NM	55	0968.0	3.0	3.0	8	19.5	06	14	26
EVER SUPERB	HONF	7	46.8 N	178.6 E	18	27 H 51		1 NM	27	0970.0	1.0	7.0					
EVER VITAL	RMCL	8	37.7 N	168.5 W	00	25 H 37		10 NM	01	1003.0	16.0	19.0	14	24.5	25	14	24.5
ARCTIC TOKYO	SLJT	8	51.4 N	168.5 E	04	33 H 50		25 NM	59	0980.0	1.0	3.0	8	13	01	12	23
NATIONAL DIGNITY	DSRG	8	39.7 N	167.4 W	06	27 H 44		5 NM	05	0985.9	10.0	11.0	10	10	25	12	24.5
EVER SUPERB	HONF	8	45.0 N	175.1 E	18	28 H 54				0982.5	2.5						
EVER VITAL	WST5	8	44.9 N	177.9 W	16	28 H 58		10 NM	27	0972.0	2.2	6.7	8	29	11	29.5	
SANKO ATALEA	3FRBZ	8	48.8 N	131.5 W	23	14 H 27		1 NM	58	1002.0	9.0	8.8	14	29.5	14	7	10
EVER VITAL	SELBZ	9	78.5 N	157.9 W	00	17 H 08		10 NM	07	0988.5	12.0	13.0	2	5	23	9	26
ANJA LEONHARDT	RMCL	9	36.7 N	155.4 W	00	20 H 36		5 NM	03	0996.0	17.0	16.0	15	24.5	22	15	24.5
ANJA LEONHARDT	DSVU	9	40.0 N	178.2 E	06	32 30		10 NM	89	0995.5	4.0	8.0	8	10	30	8	24.5
TARASCO	OKFU	9	54.1 N	161.2 W	12	19 H 50		5 NM	81	0972.3	4.0		8	19.5			
EXKON HOUSTON	KHFA	9	57.4 N	141.9 W	22	15 H 34		5 NM	81	1008.8	7.0	5.4	3	8	15	7	24.5
NITTECO	OKTZ	10	35.8 N	170.0 E	14	32 30		5 NM	81	1013.0	11.0	14.0	8	13	34	12	26
SANKO ATALEA	SELBZ	11	36.7 N	145.2 W	00	27 H 17		10 NM	01	0999.9	14.0	16.0	3	6.5	19	12	29.5
CONDOPA	FLANKY	11	38.9 N	177.9 W	00	16 H 31		5 NM	80	0999.0	4.0	12.0	10	24.5	30	11	24.5
EVER SHINE	HPET	11	43.0 N	176.1 E	00	30 H 40		2 NM	62	0998.0	4.0	7.0					
CHEVRON MISSISSIPPI	WBER	11	53.2 N	136.2 W	06	16 40		2 NM	62	1000.3	7.8	6.7			16	6	32.5
MARGARET LYNES	RMCL	12	29.0 N	168.9 W	00	31 40		10 NM	01	1010.2	18.3	18.0	8	8	29	12	24.5
ANJA LEONHARDT	DSVU	12	46.6 N	152.9 W	12	14 H 58		50 YD	18	0986.4	7.1	7.0	XX	26	13	XX	28
EXKON HOUSTON	KHFA	12	48.1 N	130.0 W	21	15 H 17		5 NM	80	1031.8	1.0	7.2	3	6.5	13	10	24.5
HECORNIA	OKDN	13	51.9 N	145.1 W	00	09 H 56		25 NM	53	0991.2	6.6	9.0	9	23	12	24.5	
GALVESTON	KHGA	13	54.5 N	138.5 W	06	13 H 50		5 NM	80	1004.0	5.4	5.6	6	16.5	12	12	24.5
CHARLES LYNES	LHFR	13	30.0 N	174.5 E	12	29 50		10 NM	01	1005.0	16.7	19.4	2	13	30	5	13
PRESIDENT TYLER	WEMZ	14	40.9 N	146.8 E	00	29 H 50		5 NM	26	0999.0	0.5	5.0	7	16.5	28	10	28
GREEN WOOD	3FRBZ	14	42.2 N	154.3 E	06	28 H 40		5 NM	82	0992.0	2.0	8.0	10	19.5	27	10	28
PHOENIX	KRJP	14	40.0 N	150.9 E	12	31 H 49		5 NM	02	1000.0	4.0	12.0	7	11.5	31	12	13
SHELDON LYNES	KRJP	14	48.1 N	136.5 W	12	25 H 48		5 NM	07	0999.1	9.2	9.5	8	23	24	12	16.5
EVER LAUREL	BKHN	14	40.3 N	154.9 E	18	27 H 50		5 NM	03	0994.5	1.0	3.5	9	8	36	11	13
CONDOPA	ELAKT	14	36.8 N	168.3 W	18	13 H 40		5 NM	64	0995.0	15.0	15.0	9	26	17	10	28
CONDOPA	ELAKT	15	39.1 N	167.1 W	00	17 H 36		5 NM	62	0994.0	16.0	15.0	8	32.5	16	9	32.5
NEWARM	WNTD	16	58.7 N	150.2 W	00	04 H 48		2 NM	61	0989.4	3.4	6.1	5	8	10	14	10
EVER LAUREL	BKHN	16	43.5 N	169.6 E	06	28 H 58		2 NM	40	0981.5	1.5	3.0	9	11.5	29	10	16.5
SOMIO RESOLUTE	KACN	16	58.8 N	148.5 W	18	23 45				0976.0	4.4	5.4	9	24.5	23	10	32.5
STALAND FREEDOM	WJUN	16	40.5 N	179.1 W	18	27 H 50		5 NM	26	0978.0	7.0	10.0	4	14.5	27	9	32.5
EVER VALIANT	HONH	17	42.4 N	178.7 W	00	28 H 50		5 NM	02	0974.5	7.0	10.0	8	19.5	26	12	32.5
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	ROBS	17	44.6 N	150.8 W	06	16 H 20		5 NM	02	0991.2	6.7	9.0	9	10	25	11	24.5
SHELDON LYNES	KRJP	17	51.4 N	163.5 W	06	22 52		5 NM	62	0959.5	4.4	6.0	5	10	17	10	19.5
SOMIO RESOLUTE	KACN	17	53.5 N	149.2 W	12	19 45				0995.7	5.5	5.0	7	16.5	19	8	24.5
SEALAND PATRIOT	KHNF	17	35.8 N	150.6 E	12	34 H 50		10 NM	24	1012.0	11.0	16.0	6	6.5	29	14	24.5
SKOURBOND	KHNF	18	37.1 N	156.4 E	12	27 H 49		5 NM	03	1003.0	8.0	13.5					
SEALAND PATRIOT	KHNF	18	36.7 N	161.0 E	12	28 H 50		10 NM	00	1009.8	8.0	11.0	7	10	29	18	26
SKOURBOND	LION	18	37.4 N	162.7 E	12	30 H 52		5 NM	27	1006.8	3.0	12.0					
ORIENTAL EXECUTIVE	DSAN	19	36.1 N	155.9 E	12	33 H 50		5 NM	02	1017.0	8.5	13.0					
SOMIO RESOLUTE	KACN	19	41.1 N	152.2 W	12	20 45		25 NM	07	0987.4	9.4	6.7	5	14.5	26	8	32.5
SEALAND PATRIOT	KHNF	19	37.5 N	171.0 E	12	28 H 44		5 NM	95	0998.0	8.0	12.0	8	10	28	20	32.5
OAK SUN	ELCF2	19	39.6 N	167.0 E	18	29 H 50				1001.0	2.0	5.0					
SOMIO RESOLUTE	KACN	20	42.5 N	152.4 W	00	22 24		10 NM	02	0999.4	10.0	7.4	7	13	23	10	26
HOUGH DENE	LHFR	20	37.0 N	172.3 W	00	24 H 33		5 NM	03	0995.0	10.0	11.0	6	14.5	27	12	24.5
ARCTIC TOKYO	SLJT	20	54.4 N	167.8 W	06	10 H 45		2 NM	84	0962.0	4.0	9.0	8	10			
QUATSINO SOUND	ELAW3	21	38.1 N	155.5 W	18	25 H 48		5 NM	88	0995.0	4.0		7	23			
EVER VALIANT	WJUN	22	34.8 N	148.8 E	00	29 H 38				1012.0	10.0	15.0	5	19.5	29	8	32.5
GREEN WOOD	KRJP	22	43.2 N	171.9 E	00	10 H 22		10 NM	01	1009.0	3.0	9.7	4	5	32	10	24.5
QUATSINO SOUND	3FRBZ	22	49.7 N	139.3 W	12	14 H 50		50 YD	62	0993.0	4.0	7.3	15	29.5	14	15	29.5
QUATSINO SOUND	ELAW3	22	39.1 N	160.6 E	12	27 H 54		5 NM	88	0990.5	4.0		8	26			
GREEN WOOD	KRJP	22	50.9 N	137.6 W	18	16 H 40		2 NM	88	1000.2	6.4	7	11.5	18	12	26	
QUATSINO SOUND	3FRBZ	23	49.5 N	138.4 W	00	15 H 38		200 YD	62	0997.0	9.0	8.5	10	24.5	14	13	29.5
QUATSINO SOUND	ELAW3	23	40.5 N	166.9 E	12	27 H 58		5 NM	88	0992.5	5.0		8	32.5			
HAERSK WAVE	ELAW3	23	45.6 N	152.2 E	21	29 H 52		50 YD	75	0996.0	-2.0		10	23			
HAERSK WAVE	ELAW3	24	45.0 N	151.3 E	00	29 H 45		5 NM	02	10							

Vessel	Nationality	Date	Lat. deg.	Long. deg.	Time GMT	Wind dir.	Wind sp. kt.	Visibility n. mi.	Pressure mm.	Pressure inh.	Temperature air sea	Sea wave height ft.	Wind wave height ft.	Pressure mm. ^a	Pressure inh. ^a
PACIFIC															
FEB.															
SANKO STORM	FLDTT	1	43.7 N	168.5 E	00 29	M 20		5 NM	22	1006.5	-1.5	4.0	8	19.5	28 12 26
MOEN MIRAPPA	LIOZ	1	44.2 N	168.3 W	03 16	M 50		1 NM	82	0995.0	6.0	5.3	5	19.5	
TOYOTA #24	SMTS	1	44.9 N	172.0 W	06 25	M 27		10 NM	15	1001.5	4.5	8.0	6	10	22 13 26
HARBOUR BRIDGE	OSMS	2	45.3 N	175.7 E	06 24	M 50		1 NM	21	0989.0	2.0	4.0	10	23	24 10 24.5
	WDR	2	27.8 N	124.9 E	12 07	M 50		10 NM	00	1018.5	14.0	17.2			
SPALAND PATRIOT	KWPF	2	47.3 N	168.0 W	18 29	M 18		10 NM	15	1026.0	3.0	3.0	5	3	28 14 26
CORNUCOPIA	KWJC	2	47.2 N	159.3 E	18 25	M 42		10 NM	26	0987.4	-3.3	-1.2	5	10	27 10 24.5
CORNUCOPIA	KWJC	3	46.5 N	157.4 E	00 25	M 40		10 NM	03	0995.6	-3.3	-1.4	5	11.5	26 9 24.5
HARBOUR BRIDGE	OSMS	3	43.6 N	172.0 E	06 23	M 42		2 NM	62	0989.5	2.0	5.0	8	13	23 8 24.5
	OSMS	4	34.4 N	172.1 E	06 18	M 23		5 NM	21	1008.0	15.0	17.0	5	14.5	16 9 24.5
POLAR ALASKA	OSMN	5	34.7 N	174.4 E	00 14	M 20		2 NM	59	1014.0	15.0	17.0	5	16.5	13 9 24.5
ORIENTAL EXECUTIVE	SLFU	6	52.9 N	169.9 E	06 12	M 54		50 YD	09	0986.0	-4.0	3.0			
ALASKA STANDARD	OSMN	6	53.6 N	150.7 W	06 32	M 40		5 NM	02	1028.0	5.0	5.0	11	10	32 14 16.5
LARS HAFSH	WVHN	6	57.5 N	152.0 W	12 33	M 55		10 NM	00	1025.2	1.8	5.4	4	10	33 8 10
	OSMN	8	43.6 N	147.8 E	18 27	M 50		5 NM	02	1016.0	0.5				
PRESIDENT JOHNSON	WVHS	9	44.1 N	157.2 E	05 27	M 40		2 NM	86	1012.0	-3.4	1.7	6	10	27 7 26
BAY BRIDGE	KWJC	9	47.2 N	160.0 E	06 24	M 30		5 NM	26	1010.0	-3.0		6	11.5	24 10 24.5
TANASCO	OSMN	10	39.9 N	172.1 W	12 04	M 50		5 NM	47	1020.0	14.0		8	16.5	20 5 8
ORIENTAL EXECUTIVE	OSMN	10	45.0 N	178.7 E	18 11	M 50		2 NM	75	0999.0	9.4	14.0	8		
										1029.0	1.0	2.0			
KOREAN FIR	ABWV	11	42.2 N	161.7 E	00 14	M 37		1 NM	95	1003.5	2.0	5.0	6	10.5	13 15 26
	KWJC	11	41.7 N	161.6 E	06 18	M 37		5 NM	52	0994.4	6.3		15	26	
GREAT LAND	WVFF	11	56.9 N	171.4 W	12 04	M 50		25 NM	73	1002.8	-1.1	6.7	5	8	04 8 14.5
ORIENTAL EXECUTIVE	OSMN	11	41.0 N	152.4 E	18 27	M 52		5 NM	69	0995.0	3.5	7.0	8	11	11 13
ARCO ALASKA	WVFF	11	46.3 N	170.2 W	18 24	M 43		2 NM	07	1073.1	7.3	5.4	4	13	19 8 12.5
OSMN		11	47.8 N	175.2 W	18 18	M 50		5 NM	81	1000.1	10.0	10.0	4	6.5	20 8 24.5
EVER LIVING	WVFF	12	47.3 N	175.0 W	06 28	M 40		10 NM	01	1012.0	7.8	10.0	4	6.5	22 11 29.5
SHELTON LYK'S	KWJC	13	34.3 N	164.8 W	00 35	M 48				1005.2	11.7	15.0	6	16.5	36 9 24.5
EXXON PHILADELPHIA	KWJC	14	49.2 N	173.5 W	00 16	M 52		5 NM	10	1002.0	9.5	7.8	7	10	16 12 14.5
OTTA	DULL	14	44.8 N	152.7 E	12 09	M 48		50 YD	07	0972.0	3.0	0.0	8	19.4	09 7 19.5
GOLDEN HAWK	ABGG	14	53.9 N	179.9 W	23 29	M 48		2 NM	26	0983.5	3.5	5.0	5	11.5	29 7 21
	KWJC	14	52.5 N	175.4 W	23 28	M 57		1 NM	12	0986.0	3.0	6.5	12	23	
	KWJC	15	54.8 N	179.4 W	03 29	M 54		1 NM	69	0981.7	1.7	10.0	6	26	
FIGARO	SIPA	15	49.9 N	172.8 W	00 22	M 50		2 NM	88	1007.0	6.8	9.0	16	23	22 14 16.5
HANJEN CHEJI	TEVP2	15	42.5 N	162.4 E	04 27	M 23		10 NM	07	0990.0	5.0	7.0	12	26	15 15 26
NOEL MERIDIAN	OSMN	15	55.7 N	178.1 W	04 25	M 50		25 NM	22	0992.0	2.4	5.5			
NOEL ARCTIC	KSPV	15	50.6 N	173.9 W	04 25	M 52		2 NM	07	1011.8	4.4	6.1	3	6.5	25 10 26
EASTERN FRIENDSHIP	WVFF	15	35.9 N	151.3 E	18 28	M 50		2 NM	93	0996.0	6.0	7.0	6	11.5	26 6 19.5
EXXON L'EXINGTON	KWJC	15	14.1 N	76.2 W	18 03	M 35		10 NM	13	1015.0	25.2	22.2	5	16.5	04 7 24.5
PRESIDENT GRANT	WVFF	15	35.0 N	151.5 E	18 29	M 50		10 NM	13	0997.5	7.3	15.6	10	19.5	25 14 24.5
BROOKS RANGE	WVFF	15	54.5 N	178.9 W	18 25	M 35		10 NM	27	1007.0	2.2	5.4	7	19.5	19 9 24.5
GOLDEN HAWK	DULL	15	53.9 N	174.1 W	23 24	M 37		5 NM	03	1026.1	3.2	4.0	6	11.5	28 9 24.5
BRIGHT SUN	KWJC	16	52.3 N	167.7 E	04 07	M 32				1007.0	3.5	5.3	10	26	08 10 26
GOLDEN HAWK	DULL	16	54.0 N	166.5 W	12 26	M 44		5 NM	20	1007.0	1.0	4.0	6	11.5	28 9 24.5
PRESIDENT TYLER	WVFF	16	48.5 N	168.6 E	18 07	M 30		1 NM	50	0996.0	3.3	1.7	4	16.5	09 10 26
WHEAT STAKE	WVFF	17	30.2 N	162.0 E	12 22	M 40		5 NM	03	0997.0	19.2	19.0	9	14.5	
FIGARO	SIPA	17	50.2 N	170.3 W	12 24	M 48		2 NM	80	0997.0	5.4	6.0			
PRESIDENT TYLER	WVFF	17	45.9 N	160.5 E	12 08	M 32				1002.3	2.2	2.2	4	11.5	05 15 29.5
EVER SUMERB	WVFF	19	39.8 N	169.5 E	04 34	M 44		1 NM	50	0981.0	6.5	12.0	14	24.5	35 14 26
GOLDEN HAWK	DULL	19	54.0 N	172.4 W	18 06	M 49		25 NM	43	0999.5	6.5	3.0	5	8	06 9 19.5
USNS DE STETTER	NACE	21	39.1 N	174.3 W	23 34	M 43		5 NM	00	1018.0	10.0	11.1	6	16.5	33 10 24.5
	WVFF	21	54.2 N	170.0 W	23 05	M 54		700 YD	22	1004.0	-2.0	5.0	19	14.5	04 19 24.5
USCGC MIDGETT (WMEC 724)	NHVR	22	52.9 N	173.2 E	12 02	M 51		5 NM	71	0992.5	-2.4	1.1	9	8	03 0 21
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	WVFF	22	44.5 N	153.1 E	12 22	M 50		10 NM	02	0987.8	0.4	-0.4	3	6.5	22 7 11.5
OLIVE ACE	TEOR	24	49.2 N	154.0 W	18 17	M 50		25 NM	80	0995.0	6.0	9.0	3	8	15 6 13
EVER LIVING	OSMN	25	36.6 N	174.1 E	23 29	M 38				1004.0	10.0	14.0	10	24.5	24 13 32.5
EVER LIVING	KWJC	26	35.9 N	172.7 E	05 24	M 29		10 NM	01	1011.0	10.5	15.0	8	24.5	25 10 32.5
	KWJC	26	34.9 N	167.3 E	06 26	M 23		10 NM	15	1015.4	11.0		5	10	27 13 28
PRESIDENT JOHNSON	WVHS	26	49.8 N	148.2 W	12 21	M 50		5 NM	51	0979.0	5.4	3.4	4	19.5	18 10 32.5
LTX HAFSH	OSMN	26	53.8 N	140.9 W	22 21	M 55		1 NM	25	0990.0	3.2		8	29.5	
USCGC MIDGETT (WMEC 724)	NHVR	27	54.6 N	158.7 W	00 20	M 38		1 NM	58	0978.5	5.2	2.2	12	32.5	
LTX HAFSH	OSMN	27	53.7 N	161.1 W	00 23	M 55		1 NM	60	0981.5	3.5	3.0	9	29.5	
EXXON PHILADELPHIA	WVFF	27	41.1 N	125.8 W	18 36	M 26		10 NM	02	1020.8		9.4	3	10	02 8 24.5
PACIFIC															
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ARCTIC TOKYO	SLJT	6	53.1 N	172.2 E	06 27	M 55		5 NM	86	1016.0	-0.5	3.0	12	26	
EASTERN VENTURE	JOYT	7	47.8 N	160.6 E	00 30	M 67		25 NM	96	0996.0	-1.0	1.5	25	44	30 25 44
GOLDEN COAST	WVFF	12	53.5 N	169.4 W	06 25	M 57		1 NM	23	0992.5	-1.0	4.0	12	28	26 12 28
SKAUPAN	LHVR	12	53.6 N	177.1 W	12 26	M 57		1 NM	84	0996.0	-1.0	3.0	7	16.5	24 13 26
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	OSMN	22	56.8 N	151.2 W	06 06	M 50		5 NM	80	0988.0	3.9	4.4	6	26	09 10 29.5
PRESIDENT TYLER	WVFF	23	53.9 N	159.3 W	06 32	M 52		2 NM	60	1002.0	1.1	3.3	4	14.5	32 10 29.5

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NOTE: The observations are selected from those with
 winds ≥ 40 km or waves ≥ 20 ft from April through
 September and 45 km or 30 ft October through March.

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SHIP NAME	VIA RADIO	VIA MAIL	SHIP NAME	VIA RADIO	VIA MAIL	SHIP NAME	VIA RADIO	VIA MAIL
ACADIA	32	71	BARBER LUNA	31	62	EDITA	15	
ADABELLE LYKES	58	110	BARBER TONSPERG	20	37	ELIZARETH LYKES	26	107
ADDITIYAH	29		BAY BRIDGE	67	152	ENDEAVOR		42
ADONIS	65	22	BAYAKON	48	15	ESSO PALM BEACH	23	65
AFRICAN ADDAX	20	46	BEAUJOLAIS	7		EVER GENTLE		32
AL AHMADIAH	66	35	BELO ORIENTE	28		EVER GENTLY	18	7
ALASKA STANDARD	70	105	BELO RIO	64	101	EVER GIFTED	61	28
ALASKAN	17		BERNINA	32	118	EVER GLOPY		77
ALBULA	10	79	BIENL TRAPER		14	EVER GRACE		31
ALDEN W. CLAUSEN		255	BLUE COSMO	66	97	EVER GREET		20
ALEUTIAN DEVELOPER	35	77	BOGASARI DUA	38	62	EVER LAUREL	52	206
ALMERIA LYKES	64	149	BOGASARI LIMA	8	22	EVER LEVEL	97	70
ALPINE ROSE	5	25	BOWEME	71	22	EVER LINKING		124
ALVA MAERSK	19	47	BORINCUEEN	71	123	EVER LIVING	1	130
AM. ALABAMA		23	BOSTON	1		EVER LOADING		19
AMELIA TOPIC	52	129	BRIGHT SUN	127	194	EVER LYRIC	36	34
AMERICAN ALTAIR	14		BRINTON LYKES	1		EVER SHINE	10	52
AMERICAN APOLLO	47	89	BROOKS RANGE	15	44	EVER SPRING	22	
AMERICAN AQUARIUS	70	127	BUNGA KESIDANG	76	100	EVER SUMMIT	16	73
AMERICAN ARGO	46	104	BUNGA MELAWIS	23	41	EVER SUPER	98	174
AMERICAN ASTRONAUT	73	80	C.W. KITTO		60	EVER VALIANT	53	112
AMERICAN DRACO	30	117	CANADIAN HIGHWAY	29	39	EVER VALU	25	23
AMERICAN EAGLE	36	27	CANAL ACE		20	EVER VIGOR	1	174
AMERICAN ENVOY	84	156	CHARLES LYKES	77	153	EVER VITAL	46	134
AMERICAN HERITAGE	25	78	CHARLES PIGOTT		54	EXPORT CHALLENGER	27	79
AMERICAN LANCER	13	64	CHARLOTTE LYKES	105	214	EXPORT CHAMPA	47	115
AMERICAN LARK	76	113	CHARLOTTE MAERSK	44	156	EXPORT COURIER		14
AMERICAN LEGION	55	145	CHASTINE MAERSK	7	51	EXPORT FREEDOM	45	125
AMERICAN LIBERTY	54	195	CHELSEA	16	87	EXPORT PATRIOT	26	92
AMERICAN LYNX	98	152	CHEMICAL FIGHTER	22	102	EXXON BATON ROUGE	58	44
AMERICAN MARKETER	63	158	CHEERY VALLEY	8		EXXON BAYTOWN	14	21
AMERICAN MERCHANT	68	107	CHESAPEAKE	76	88	EXXON BENICIA	15	24
AMERICAN NEW JERSEY	18	46	CHESNUT HILL	106	228	EXXON BOSTON	122	150
AMERICAN NEW YORK	12	114	CHEVRON ANTIWERP	20	97	EXXON GETTYSBURG	3	11
AMERICAN PIONEER	57	79	CHEVRON APIZONA	43	39	EXXON HOUSTON	62	65
AMERICAN PUFITAN	51	147	CHEVRON CALIFORNIA	184	167	EXXON JAMESTOWN	39	45
AMERICAN RESERVIST	100	112	CHEVRON COLORADO	21	20	EXXON LEXINGTON	60	85
AMERICAN PESOLUTE	71	8	CHEVRON COPENHAGEN	26		EXXON NEW ORLEANS	17	
AMERICAN RIGEL	75	105	CHEVRON FFLUY	55	12	EXXON NORTH SLOPE	4	5
AMERICAN SKY	58	103	CHEVRON FRANKFURT	4		EXXON PHILADELPHIA	70	54
AMERICAN TITAN AK 1008	48	95	CHEVRON LONDON		124	EXXON PINNACETON	20	28
AMERICAN TRADER	75	155	CHEVRON LOUISIANA	11	16	EXXON SAN FRANCISCO	19	19
AMERICAN TROJAN	10	5	CHEVRON MISSISSIPPI	115	128	EXXON WASHINGTON	28	29
AMERICAN VEGA	57	164	CHEVRON NORTH AMERICA	23	103	EXXON YORKTOWN	19	17
AMERICAN VETERAN	1		CHEVRON OREGON	75	81	F P CONVEYOR		11
AMERICANA	34	54	CHEVRON PERTH	33	182	FAIR SEA	44	71
AMOCO BALTIMORE	45	55	CHEVRON WASHINGTON	91	111	FALCON LEADER	39	70
AMOCO CAIRO	26		CHEVYNE	1		FALSTRIA	109	95
AMOCO VOYAGER	1		CHRISTIAN MAERSK	9	29	FEDERAL BULKER		1
AMOCO YORKTOWN	56	12	CITY OF MIDLAND	36	132	FEDERAL FRASER	28	58
ANJA LEONHARDT	35	59	CLAPA MAERSK	49	109	FERNCOF	115	178
ANNIE JOHNSON		49	CLIFFORD MAERSK	26	51	FETISH	10	8
AN M. M. CALLACHAN	35	138	CLOVER TRUST	15		FIGARO	14	38
AQUA CITY	114	96	CO-OP GRAIN II	50	35	FJOFO STAP	37	74
AQUARTUS	86	201	COLUMBUS AMERICA	144		FOFATALEA	51	74
ARCHON	31	12	COLUMBUS LOUISIANA	48		FRANCIS SINCEP NO 6	37	27
ARCO ALASKA	68	57	COLUMBUS HIGHWAY	87	31	FRASER	3	
ARCO ANCHORAGE	9		CONTINENTAL TRAPER	21		FREDERICK LYKES	77	160
ARCO CALIFORNIA	23	31	COOP EXPRESS II		6	FRIENDSHIP	66	
ARCO FAIRBANKS	63	70	CORNUCOPIA	66	166	PROTASIRIUS	14	16
ARCO JUNEAU	33	24	COSMIC JUPITER	31	137	GAT CHEVRON COLORADO		7
ARCO PRUDHOE BAY	51	64	COVADONGA	15		GALVESTON	60	60
ARCO SAG RIVER	17	27	CRYSTAL STAR	41	63	GAMA GETAH	2	58
ARCO TEXAS	19	14	CYGNUS	71		GAMA POEUSTA	6	
ARCTIC TOKYO	1	195	D.L. POWER		53	GAS LITPA	1	
ARGONAUT	44	122	DA MOETO	5	13	GEMINI		22
ARIES	1		DACEBAW	76		GENERAL M. BELFRANC	4	18
ARILD MAERSK	4		DAGLAND	137	168	GENEVIEVE LYKES	1	36
ARNOLD HAMMER	8	64	DAVID D. THIN	1	9	GEORGE H. WYFFHAFUSER		121
ASHLEY LYKES	26	33	DAWA	125	161	GEORGE WYTH	6	53
ASIA HERON	89	154	DELAWARE TRADER	66	126	GERONIMO		41
ASIA INDUSTRY	44		DELTA SUD	9		GLACIAR BAY	18	
ATIGUN PASS	1	22	DEANA		36	GLOBAL FRONTIER	32	102
ATIGUN PASS	57	30	DECTOR LYKES	80	160	GLOBAL PIONEER	33	48
ATLANTIC PATHFINDER	6		DOLLY THIPMAN	40	53	GLOBAL PLENDORP	4	14
AUSTANGER	15	26	DRAGON MAERSK	28	77	GLOPUS SPICA	4	29
AUEL JOHNSON	14	36	DUBHE	51	68	GOLD LUCKY		12
B.T. ALASKA	65	52	DYU SPAGFPAN	13	114	GOLDEN APC	24	7
B.T. SAN DIEGO	82	104	EASTERN DPICE	47	68	GOLDEN BEAR	43	
BAILEY	7		EASTERN DIAMOND	19	20	GOLDEN COAST	6	14
BALLARD		34	EASTERN FRIENDSHIP	49	126	GOLDEN GATE	34	57
BALTIMORE TRAPER	44	155	EASTERN GLOPY	11	160	GOLDEN GRAPUS	17	67
BANGLAR KAKOLI	6	40	EASTERN GRACE		116	GOLDEN HAWK	50	123
BAR ZAH	31	62	EASTERN ROYAL	92	66	GOLDEN OFCHID	19	14
BARBER PRITH	73	100	EASTERN SAGA	39	97	GOLDEN PHOENIX		30
BARBER TAZI	18	37	EASTERN VENTURE	18	27	GOWA	6	
BARBER TAMPA	9	58	EATON GLOPIA	86		GREAT LAND	50	74
BARBER TEXAS	29	30	EDGAR M. GUCHNY	7		GREAT OCEAN	113	7

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GREEN FOREST	44	13	LNG TAURUS	1	92	NISSAN MAPU	13	29
GREEN HAYA	51		LONG LINES	3	8	NCAA PAVIN STARD JORDA	19	13
GREEN STAR	67	75	LOUIS J. HANGE JR.		3	NCAA SHIP ALBATROSS IV	36	129
GREEN WOOD		41	LOUIS MAERSK	58	67	NCAA SHIP CHAPMAN	60	91
GUADALUPE I		40	LOUISE LYKES	52	100	NCAA SHIP DAVIDSON	29	27
H. LEE SELVY	47		LUCENT STAR	130		NCAA SHIP OFLAWARE II	46	136
H. J. HAYNES		64	LUNA MAERSK	65	71	NCAA SHIP DISCOVERER C	115	45
HANJIN CHEJU		14	LURLINE	126	212	NCAA SHIP FERREL	8	2
HANJIN INCHON	31	35	M. P. GRACE	2		NCAA SHIP MCPARTHUP	14	50
HANJIN KWANGYANG		38	M.S. PACIFIC VICTORY	14	14	NCAA SHIP MILLED FREEM	190	154
HANJIN POHANG	39	40	M.S. SELVA		19	NCAA SHIP MT MITCHEL	68	107
HARBOR BRIDGE	120	87	M.V. BUNGA SRIPAGI	39	67	NCAA SHIP PIERCE	7	
HARGANGER	2		M.V. CHESAPEAKE TRADER	62	196	NCAA SHIP RESEARCHER	1	
HAUL TRACER		109	M.V. EVER GLOVE		6	NCAA SHIP SURVEYOP	45	44
HOEGH CAZEN	13	10	M.V. KALIDIAS	6	21	NCAA SHIP WHITING	3	160
HOEGH CLIPPER	2	18	M.V. NEPTUNE TOURMALIN		20	NORLAY	32	
HOEGH DENE	9	19	M.V. OREGON RAINBOW II	166		OAK SUN		56
HOEGH DRAKE	9	60	M.V. ORIENTAL PATRIOT		2	OAKLAND	29	
HOEGH DYKE	3		M.V. PRESTOFNT EISENHOF	86	163	OREPON	41	87
HOEGH HALLARD	3		M.V. SANGKULIRANG VII	51	63	OCEAN HOPE	1	
HOEGH HARLIN	39	57	M.V. UNITED SPIRIT		16	OCEAN STEELHEAD	42	
HOEGH HASCOT	11	101	M/S TRIGGER		94	OCTA	48	180
HOEGH MIRANDA	31	110	M/T ECLIPSE	64	102	ODEEN DYNACHEM	22	46
HOEGH SUN	29	92	M/V DANDY I		3	OLEANDER	165	181
HOESING ARROW	35	148	M/V NATIONAL PRIDE		23	OLGA TOPIC	30	141
HOESING BREEZE	101	157	M/V SOUTHERN ACCORD		35	OLIVE ACE		17
HOESUNG GLORIA	29	104	M/V SPRING PIRDF		274	ORCO MINER	16	
HOWELL LYKES	9	18	M/V STAR THAILAND	2	22	ORCO TRADER	104	233
HOYO HARU	43	29	MAERSK WAVE	148		ORIENTAL EXECUTIVE	46	140
HUAL TRAVELLER	2		MAERSK WIND		87	ORIENTAL EXPLORER	160	
HYUNDAI # 14	23		MALACCA	25		ORIENTAL GOVERNOR		53
HYUNDAI # 23	8	20	MALORY LYKES	26		ORIENTAL KNIGHT	15	5
HYUNDAI # 3	32	44	MAMOTH PINE	75	49	ORIENTAL MINISTER		102
HYUNDAI ATLANTIC		9	MANHATTAN DUNK	16		ORIENTAL SOVEREIGN	13	5
HYUNDAI CON # 22	34		MANILA PACIFIC	30		ORIENTAL TAO		18
HYUNDAI NO. 6	1	20	MANUKAI	115	208	OVERSEAS ARCTIC	34	176
IONA	8	15	MANULANI	69	183	OVERSEAS BOSTON	14	220
INGER	6	28	MARATHA SHOGUN	64	70	OVERSEAS CHICAGO	4	63
IRIS ISLAND	72		MARCONA CONVEYOR	77	41	OVERSEAS JUNEAU	46	
ITALICA	35	57	MARDI GPAS	1	1	OVERSEAS MARILYN	4	
J. LOUIS	5	51	MARTINET LYKES	98	190	OVERSEAS KATALIF	71	97
J. L. HIGGINS	8	49	MARTIA TOPIC	2		OVERSEAS NEW YORK	20	79
JADE PHOENIX	8		MARITIME NOBLE	68	63	OVERSEAS VIVIAN		34
JADWAN	3		MARJORIE LYKES		6	OVERSEAS WASHINGTON	35	75
JALANOKAMBI	6		MARLIN	1		PACBAPON	34	
JALAVIJAYA	46		MASON LYKES	24	73	PACBAPONESS	11	
JALISCO	5	18	MATARAM	5		PACDUCHESS	24	
JAMES LYKES	6	18	MATILDE MAERSK	36	67	PACDUKE	24	
JAPAN AMBROSE	38	27	MAUI	92	167	PACFMEROP	32	44
JAPAN APOLLO	80	132	MAURICIO DE OLIVEIRA	18	65	PACGLORY	29	
JAPAN RAINBOW	8	17	MAYA		129	PACIFIC ANGEL		65
JAYAKARTA	10		MELBOURNE HIGHWAY		15	PACIFIC ARROW	215	90
JEAN LYKES	15	26	MELVILLE	57	98	PACIFIC BRIDGE	21	21
JOHN A. MCCONE		76	MEONIA	90	161	PACIFIC EPA	8	
JOHN LYKES	52	75	MERAK EIGHTY	19	13	PACIFIC EXPRESS	10	5
JOSEPH LYKES	27	96	MICRONESIAN COMMPECE		208	PACIFIC SAGA	39	
JUNO	14		MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENCE	21	24	PACIFIC SUNSHINE		11
JUPITER NO 1	19	22	MING AUTUMN	1		PACIFIC VENTURE	73	51
KAUAI	83	164	MING GALAXY	4	72	PACIFIC VICTORY	36	23
KIYO	14		MING GLODY	30	39	PACIFIC WIND	65	
KENAI	107	241	MING MOON	1	41	PACVING		41
KENNETH E. HILL		160	MING OCEAN	18	20	PACVARY	42	5
KENNETH T. DEPR		66	MING STAR	7		PACMAJESTY	8	1
KENWOOD	10	39	MING SUN	3	14	PACMERCHANT	36	18
KEYSTONER	39	134	MING UNIVERSE	13	64	PACMONARCH	23	24
KOFUKU HARU	46		MISSION SANTA CLARA	14	92	PACNORLE	17	
KOREAN ANTHYST	9		MIXTECO	48	155	PAN DYNASTY	3	
KOREAN FIR	9	19	MICANA PACIFIC	26	156	PAN STAR		24
KOREAN JACEWOK	59	68	MOBIL ARCTIC	91	256	PANAMA	46	119
KOREAN PRIDE	34	19	MOBIL MERIDIAN	70	153	PANALLA	49	93
KOREAN WONIS JIN	10	66	MOKU PAMU	104	140	PAUL BIGOTT	1	
KOREAN WONIS ONE	51	42	MORMACSTAR	5		PENNSYLVANIA RAINBOW	29	23
KOREAN WONIS SEVEN	22	18	MORMACSUN	63	71	PENNSYLVANIA SUN	17	39
KOREAN WONIS SUN	20	14	MOSHAN STAR		39	PENNSYLVANIA TRADER	8	6
L. W. FUNKHOUSER	7		MV AMERICAN MAINE	46	82	PHILADELPHIA	42	102
LA MOLINEPA	3		MV CAMA PALA		67	PHILADELPHIA SUN	22	55
LAKF SUVA	91	154	MV LOUIS J. HANGE JR.	13	23	PHOENIX	51	156
LAKES STAR	1		MV MANILA TRIUMPH	17	40	PITTSBURGH	77	153
LARS MAERSK	36	85	MV ORIENTAL EDUCATOR	55	140	PLANTIN	131	196
LASH ATLANTIC	12	76	MV ORIENTAL PATRIOT	18	18	POLAR ALASKA	15	176
LASH ITALIA	33	100	MV PACOP		71	POLYNESIA	104	208
LASH PACIFIC	31	94	MV SAPPHTPE GLOPY	1	23	PORCE	14	23
LAURA MAERSK	33	84	NATIONAL MONCHIQUE	32		PORTLAND	15	27
LAUST MAERSK	34	89	NACIONAL SANTOS	11	4	POTOMAC TRADER	26	171
LAVAU	5		NANCY LYKES	5		PRES. F. D. ROOSEVELT	70	186
LEADBON		14	NATIONAL PLINITY	47	99	PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	15	65
LEDA MAERSK	25	29	NATIONAL PRIDE	12	77	PRESIDENT GRANT	117	197
LEISE MAERSK	19	65	NAVIO ENTERPRISE	3		PRESIDENT HOOVER	61	113
LESLIE LYKES	19		NEPTUNE DIAMOND	82	107	PRESIDENT JACKSON	20	34
LEXA MAERSK	61	104	NEPTUNE PRALP	48	84	PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	48	147
LICA MAERSK	20	79	NEW INDEPENDENCE	77	209	PRESIDENT JOHNSON	58	150
LILLOET	25	44	NEWARK	41	35	PRESIDENT KENNEDY	43	11
LLOYD ALTHAMTRAP		6	NICOLA PROSPERITY	11		PRESIDENT LINCOLN	66	115
LNG LEO	56	176				PRESIDENT MADISON	73	92

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PRESIDENT MC KINLEY	99	103	SEALAND VENTURE	65	191	USCGC CITRUS (WMEC 300)	7	
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY		80	SEALAND VOYAGER	86	165	USCGC CLOVER (WMEC 292)	9	
PRESIDENT MONROE	48	157	SENIATOR	1		USCGC CONFIDENCE		42
PRESIDENT PIERCE	19	44	SEVEN OCEAN	36	4	USCGC COURAGEOUS		
PRESIDENT ROXAS	5		SHELDON LYKES	148	165	USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC 6)	16	24
PRESIDENT TAYLOR	6	17	SHIRLEY LYKES	19	61	USCGC DEPENDABLE	16	6
PRESIDENT TYLER	89	170	STONEY FOSS		24	USCGC DILIGENCE (WMEC 4)	15	
PRESIDENT WASHINGTON	93	160	STOUT T-ATF	9	0	USCGC DUANE (WMEC 33)	121	105
PRESIDENT WILSON	35		SKAUPAN	69	166	USCGC DURABLE (WMEC 62)	12	60
PRINCE OF TOKYO	63	169	SKOUBORN	64	128	USCGC FIREBUSH (WLB 397)	21	
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND	5	14	SOMTO RESOLUTE	103	162	USCGC GLACIER (WAGB 4)	192	197
PUNTA BRAVA	56		SOLON TURMAN	19	42	USCGC HAMILTON (WMEC 71)	15	17
PROSPERIDAD	56		SOUTH LIGHT	17		USCGC INGHAM (WMEC 35)	8	
QUATSINO SOUND	5	139	SPRING BALLAD	9		USCGC IPONWOOD (WLB 29)	4	
QUEEN OPAL	31		SPRING BIRD	19	67	USCGC LAUFEL (WLB 291)	25	74
RAINBOW HOPE	12	256	SPRING BLOSSOM	1		USCGC MALLU (WLB 396)	25	
RAPID	59	155	SPRING BREEZE		351	USCGC MESQUITE (WLB 30)	32	
RED APOW	37		SS BORINGQUE		55	USCGC MIDGETT (WMEC 72)	2	120
REGENT CEDAR	42	30	SS NEVARK		96	USCGC MUMPO (WMEC 724)		4
REGINA MACRISK	54	140	ST CERQUE		13	USCGC NORTHWIND WAGB 2	6	6
RICHARD		81	STAR CARRIER	23	32	USCGC POINT ROBERTS	1	
RIGOLETTO	67	105	STAR DIEPPE	16		USCGC POLAR SEA WAGB 1	33	
RIO GRANDE	8	24	STAR DOVER	33	42	USCGC POLAR STAR WAGB	177	183
ROACHRANK	105		STAR EAGLE	101	122	USCGC RESOLUTE (WMEC 62)	6	
ROBERT D. CONRAD	9	68	STAR ENTERPRISE	9		USCGC SEDGE (WLB 402)	13	
ROBERT E. LEE	12		STAR HONG KONG	41	15	USCGC SHEPHERD (WMEC 72)	13	
RODRIGUES CABRILHO	35	44	STAR KANDA	42	43	USCGC STOPSIS (WMEC 38)	3	
ROSE	3	170	STAR LUTON		11	USCGC SWEETPOTTER (WLB 4)	34	
ROSINA TOPIC		131	STAR MALAYSIA		27	USCGC TAMAROA (WMEC 16)	3	4
ROVER		195	STAR PHILLIPINES	35	64	USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 62)	1	
ROYAL SAPPHIRE	1	19	STAR SINGAPORE	19	69	USCGC VENTUROSUS (WMEC 6)		36
ROYAL VIKING STAR	27		STARWARD	50		USCGC VIGOROUS (WMEC 62)	29	
RUTH LYKES	47	116	STATE OF MARY	25		USCGC WOODRUSH (WLB 40)	15	
S.T. CRAPO	2		STEADFAST	26	10	USCGC YOCOMA (WMEC 168)	52	
SACRAMENTO	49	153	STELLA LYKES	23	14	USNS ANTARES	12	
SAINT LOUIS	45	172	STOLT LLANDAFF		3	USNS APACHE	71	67
SAM HOUSTON	12		STONEWALL JACKSON	23	32	USNS BARTLETT	87	108
SAHUEL H. APHACOST		18	STREAM HAWSER	6		USNS CHAUVENET	6	37
SAHUEL S	46	34	SUGAR ISLANDER	4		USNS DE STEIGUER	87	170
SAN JUAN	114	184	SUN VIKING	25	26	USNS HARKNESS TAGS 32	64	
SANKO ANTARES		14	SUNBELT DIXIE	200	120	USNS KANE TAGS 27		80
SANKO AZALEA		64	SYLVO	8		USNS LYNCH T-AGOR 7	160	238
SANKO CYCLAMEN		65	SYOSSFT	4		USNS MAUMEE	70	168
SANKO DEFER		30	TAI CORN	57		USNS METEOR T-AWR 9	19	44
SANKO HEUNATHUS		17	TARASCO	47	90	USNS MISPELLION		25
SANKO PINNACLE		30	TENCHRANK	60		USNS MISSISSIPPI		246
SANKO ROBIN		46	TEXACO GEORGIA	2	19	USNS MOHAWK	26	
SANKO STAR		79	TEXAS SUN	6	29	USNS PASSUMPSIC TAG 10		25
SANKO STORK		36	TEXAS TRADE	106	253	USNS PAWCATUCK TAG-108		1
SANSINENA II	79	75	TEXICO CALIFORNIA		29	USNS PONCHATOULA	44	15
SANTA ADELA	40	114	TFL DEMOCRACY	39	157	USNS POWHATAN TATF 166	23	
SANTA CRUZ TI	38	48	TFL ENTERPRISE	52	65	USNS RANGE SENTINEL	1	
SANTA FE		1	TFL EXPRESS	70	164	USNS REDSTONE	2	86
SANTA JUANA	141	218	TFL FRANKLIN	72		USNS RIGEL TAF 58		97
SANTA MAGDALENA	1		TFL FREEDOM	39	136	USNS SATURN T-AFSG		45
SANTA MARIA	1		TFL INDEPENDENCE	79	169	USNS SEALIFT ANTARCTIC	8	
SATURN DIAMOND	2	98	TFL JEFFERSON	22		USNS SEALIFT ARCTIC	62	114
SAUDI MAKKAH	67		TFL LIGERTY	53	149	USNS SEALIFT CARIBBEAN	21	
SAUDI RIYADH	23		THAMES	11	44	USNS SEALIFT CHINA SEA	34	
SAVONITA	50	79	THOMAS G. THOMPSON	10	17	USNS SEALIFT INDIAN OCE		1
SEA BELLS		26	THOMAS WASHINGTON	106	131	USNS SEALIFT MEX	65	80
SEA DIAMOND		176	THOMPSON LYKES	22	87	USNS SOUTHERN CROSS	2	
SEA FAN		108	THOMPSON PASS	25		USNS THUCKEE TAN-147		99
SEA FORTUNE		58	TILLIE LYKES	53	139	USNS VANGUARD TAG 194	34	60
SEA JADE	61	15	TOKYO RAINBOW	82	58	USNS VACCAMAH (TAG-109)		217
SEA LANTERN	7	23	TONCI TOPIC	20		VALLEY FORCE	31	52
SEA LIGHT		112	TONSONIA	22	197	VAN ENTERPRISE	23	58
SEA QUEEN NO 1	75	99	TOWER BRIDGE	104	37	VAN FORT	8	29
SEALAND ADVENTURER	85	175	TOWNSHEND CROMWELL	60	129	VAN HAWK	114	161
SEALAND CONSUMER	43	139	TOYOTA #24	146	64	VELPA LYKES	19	
SEALAND DEFENDER	105	190	TRANSCLOPADO	5		VENTURE STAR		66
SEALAND DEVELOPER	101	151	TRANSCOLUMBIA	42	44	VISHVA PRAFULLA	36	
SEALAND ECONOMY	47	180	TRITON	21	107	WALCHAMC	36	
SEALAND ENDURANCE	64	165	TROPIC SUN	7	27	WALTER PICE	31	80
SEALAND EXPLORE	64	125	TYSON LYKES	86	166	WASHINGTON PATHROW #2		10
SEALAND EXPRESS	107	172	ULTRAPAR	10		WASHINGTON TRADER	92	188
SEALAND FREEDOM	52	30	ULTRASEA	28	107	WFCMA	14	202
SEALAND INDEPENDENCE	106	173	UNICOPN	1	57	WESTERN SUN	11	53
SEALAND INNOVATOR	96	108	UNIVERSE	17		WESTIN KON	6	1
SEALAND LFAFER	66	196	USCGC ACACIA (WLB406)	2		WESTWARD VENTURE	37	9
SEALAND LIBERATOR	62	93	USCGC ALEPT (WMEC 630)	46		WILLIAM E. HUSSEMAN		229
SEALAND MARINER	58	165	USCGC BASSWOOD (WLB 39)	17	17	WILLIAM HOOPER	24	
SEALAND PACE	10	14	USCGC BOUTWELL (WMEC 71)	50	65	YAHASHIN MARU	165	65
SEALAND PATRIOT	51	157	USCGC CHASE (WMEC 718)	2		YASHIMA MARU	55	32
SEALAND PIONEER	51	127	USCGC CHEFOKEE (WMEC 16)	4	8	ZEPHUNTER	126	187
SEALAND PRODUCER	31	134	USCGC CHILULA (WMEC 15)		100	ZFUS	14	61
						ZRELLA LYKES	28	22

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JANUARY 1965			TOTAL FREQUENCY OF WIND SPEEDS (%)										TOTAL FREQUENCY OF WIND DIRECTIONS (%)									
BOUY	LAT	LONG	CALM	C&T	4-10KT	11-21KT	22-33KT	34-47KT	>47KT	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW					
32301	04.4N	105.0W			54.8	45.2					0.3	34.2	65.5									
41001	34.9N	072.9W		0.7	6.5	30.6	50.7	11.6		5.4	0.7	0.2	2.3	17.2	11.1	34.9	28.2					
41002	32.3N	075.3W		0.7	13.1	52.7	33.3	0.3		5.1	3.9	3.3	3.3	13.4	18.4	31.8	23.7					
41006	29.3N	077.3W		0.5	17.5	55.1	21.8	1		9.5	2.4	1.1	6.2	9.6	13.4	32.1	23.9					
42001	25.9N	089.7W		3.7	27.7	54.3	14.1	0.3		18.7	17.1	11.1	11.7	12.9	6.9	6.5	15.2					
42002	26.0N	093.5W		5.1	25.4	55.5	14.0			8.5	25.8	14.7	13.6	11.0	3.9	8.3	14.3					
42003	26.0N	085.9W		1.2	17.8	59.1	21.9			23.4	13.7	8.5	15.9	10.7	9.6	6.4	16.4					
42007	30.1N	088.9W		6.2	38.9	52.3	2.4			18.4	19.6	7.6	7.8	8.1	9.2	15.3	15.9					
42004	38.5N	070.7W		1.2	9.3	33.7	42.6	13.2		11.3	7.3	1.6	0.8	4.2	4.0	28.6	42.3					
42005	42.7N	068.4W		1.5	21.0	49.7	28.7			9.1	4.9	4.1	3.2	3.0	6.8	29.1	45.1					
42007	43.5N	070.1W		4.0	32.8	52.4	10.4			21.8	6.2	1.0	0.7	0.4	8.7	32.0	29.3					
42008	40.5N	069.4W	0.7	7.6	51.8	40.6				9.7	6.3	5.6	2.4	3.0	3.9	24.5	44.6					
42011	41.1N	066.4W		3.9	17.7	45.3	33.1			12.3	12.9	5.1	3.7	2.2	6.3	21.8	35.8					
42012	38.8N	074.6W	4.5	4.2	19.0	46.2	29.0	1.6		18.0	14.3	5.3	1.7	2.4	14.3	14.9	28.2					
42013	42.4N	070.0W	2.0	4.3	28.1	48.7	20.9			6.3	3.0	4.6	1.1	3.6	12.9	32.6	35.9					
42011	56.3N	148.3W		3.3	19.3	60.4	16.7	0.1		0.8	4.0	15.7	26.8	23.9	19.5	7.4	1.9					
42022	42.5N	130.3W			5.6	87.6	8.9			46.0	7.0											
42023	51.9N	155.7W		1.9	14.7	55.3	27.5			3.1	3.9											
42025	46.1N	131.0W		2.4	18.9	58.4	22.2			16.0	1.8	2.8	22.9	33.6	8.3	4.4	10.3					
42024	40.7N	137.7W		1.6	13.9	57.6	25.8	1.1		1.4	6.6	8.7	16.7	43.3	9.5	8.7	5.1					
42010	46.2N	124.2W		14.2	58.9	27.0				13.5	14.9	42.4	13.7	3.0	5.1	0.7	6.7					
42011	34.9N	120.9W		18.9	51.9	29.0	0.1			16.4	16.5	8.3	11.8	4.7	3.1	5.8	31.6					
42012	37.4N	122.7W		12.7	44.2	40.8	2.3			41.2	15.8	13.9	6.4	5.6	2.6	2.5	11.9					
42013	38.2N	123.3W		13.8	56.8	27.9	1.5			6.8	7.4	66.4	5.8	3.1	2.4	3.1	25.2					
42014	39.2N	124.0W		21.8	52.6	21.8	3.7			16.4	13.7	21.1	17.9	13.5	4.5	2.4	15.4					
42016	63.3N	122.7W		0.4	4.1	31.6	49.4			0.3	46.2	14.0	8.6	6.5	2.4	0.8	1.2					
42017	60.3N	172.5W		0.8	8.4	51.0	38.3	1.2		2.9	34.8	33.8	14.5	7.3	3.0	2.1	1.6					
42018	60.3N	177.0W		0.4	9.1	30.3	54.9	10.2		9.1	44.9	31.1	7.0	3.1	1.9	1.0	1.8					
42022	40.8N	124.5W		19.8	57.8	20.5	1.9			28.0	7.0	4.3	25.7	14.8	8.2	2.4	5.7					
42023	34.3N	125.7W		15.0	47.7	37.0	0.3			21.0	2.9	8.6	9.7	1.6	1.2	4.3	50.6					
42024	32.8N	119.5W		23.7	60.0	16.2	0.1			13.7	11.9	5.4	4.2	4.5	3.0	16.1	41.3					
42025	33.6N	119.0W		25.7	60.0	16.2	0.1			8.5	16.1	12.0	10.3									
42028	35.6N	121.7W		2.8	7.2	31.1	42.2	0.5		6.4	7.4	7.5	13.9									
42029	44.2N	124.2W		5.3	38.6	56.0	0.1			5.5	18.8	59.9	4.8	5.1	2.4							
42030	40.4N	124.5W	6.7	13.6	46.9	35.6	3.9			37.2	10.6	3.1	23.7	17.1	1.8	1.9	4.6					
42031	56.1N	161.7W	0.4	8.5	28.7	38.4	71.9	6.5		6.2	2.3	7.2	32.7	32.0								
42032	54.2N	275.5W			29.5	42.4				8.4	8.1	13.9	41.4	13.1	13.6	4.5	3.8					
42034	55.1N	163.1W			16.9	42.3	32.3	8.1	0.4	4.6	8.9	12.4	37.6	23.0	2.2	4.0	5.2					
51001	23.4N	162.3W		1.6	33.7	57.0	7.5	0.1		13.0	10.3	8.3	6.2	18.6	20.1	18.6	12.6					
51002	17.2N	157.4W		6.9	28.0	62.8	2.3			4.7	11.7	40.0	10.6	2.9	1.9	1.6	6.5					
51003	19.2N	160.9W		4.2	34.7	60.7	1.1			6.7	13.8	28.2	26.2	7.3	10.1	2.6	5.1					
51004	17.5N	152.5W		1.4	27.5	67.3	0.4			1.4	27.5	67.3	11.2	7.4	2.2	2.3	0.8					
ALR11	25.1N	080.7W	0.9	4.4	33.6	57.3	4.6	0.1		25.6	2.2	10.5	10.6									
ALR16	40.5N	073.8W	1.4	3.9	18.9	39.3	5.5	4.5		11.0	3.2	3.2	3.8	0.6	6.7	17.0	37.2					
BURL1	28.9N	089.4W	1.1	4.7	28.5	52.9	13.5	0.4		34.1	5.2	4.5	10.1	6.0	6.4	19.7	18.1					
CAR03	43.1N	124.4W	6.0	29.0	50.9	18.9	1.2			13.7	14.1	17.1	31.0	12.9	8.3	1.7	1.1					
CHL12	36.9N	075.7W	2.1	4.6	13.3	50.0	28.5	3.6		17.3	5.6	1.0	1.9	8.5	17.4	25.9	22.5					
CLK17	46.6N	079.6W	1.6	5.8	23.0	60.6	10.6			19.8	8.5	3.7	1.5	4.2	12.6	24.5	27.0					
CSB11	29.7N	085.4W	3.6	25.6	61.4	11.3	1.6			25.8	13.7	11.2	9.5	4.0	8.1	15.2	16.5					
DBL16	46.7N	079.5W	0.9	7.3	25.5	39.1	24.5	3.6		4.7	3.2	6.1	5.4	4.1	39.3	21.8	13.4					
DES11	47.7N	124.5W	8.4	29.8	54.1	14.5	1.6			17.7	17.5	25.7	13.8		4.1	3.8	9.0					
DTL13	47.1N	124.7W	2.0	8.0	21.4	48.9	19.7	1.1		10.3	6.5	0.7	3.9	13.0	21.8	23.2	20.6					
DSL17	35.2N	075.3W	0.9	2.2	9.9	40.2	38.0	9.8		20.5	3.4	0.6	2.6	2.1	12.9	27.9	29.9					
FRS11	32.7N	079.9W	2.0	18.7	62.0	18.9				14.9	10.4	3.8										
FRS12	32.7N	079.9W	5.7	13.9	36.7	39.4	10.0	0.1		12.0	16.0	10.0	3.2	1.1	8.7	11.9	31.6	23.4				
FRS17	33.5N	077.6W	1.4	8.4	11.9	49.0	30.1	4.4		12.6	7.4	3.2	1.1	8.7	11.9	31.6	23.4					
BDL11	29.3N	089.9W	1.5	8.4	47.8	34.5	9.2	0.1		22.3	17.8	7.2	5.8	9.1	4.4	15.3	18.2					
GLL16	43.5N	076.3W	0.3	5.8	30.8	41.2	19.4	2.8		14.0	14.5	4.0	6.0	4.6	13.1	29.5	17.4					
ISG13	42.9N	070.6W	2.0	7.2	21.1	41.2	29.3	1.2		14.5	3.3	2.4	0.5	1.1	11.5	37.2	29.5					
LKX11	26.7N	080.0W	2.4	14.1	59.3	26.5	0.1			8.2	1.2	2.5	10.6	8.4	16.2	12.8	40.1					
MRM1	44.0N	068.1W	1.9	4.3	12.2	39.5	37.0	7.0		15.7	6.2	4.9	2.7	2.1	4.6	17.5						
MIS11	43.8N	068.9W		1.7	15.5	39.9	33.6	9.3		7.4	7.1	6.2	2.2	1.3	6.0	30.0	43.3					
MUP11	44.6N	069.1W	0.9	5.5	32.3	41.3	0.9				3.2	79.4	3.0	8.5	6.0							
PIL14	48.2N	088.4W	1.5	5.8	28.4	50.8	14.9			20.3	7.8	1.3	0.3	1.8	8.1	22.1	38.4					
PTA11	38.9N	123.7W	12.2	29.7	51.1	17.6	1.6			18.9	9.6	22.0	21.2	18.4	5.3	6.9	19.5					
PTA12	27.6N	097.1W	1.1	7.3	44.3	39.8	7.9	0.6		49.6	9.6	1.6	10.0	15.1	0.9	0.5	12.6					
PTG11	34.8N	120.7W	8.1	19.3	46.9	31.3	2.4			6.1	1.1	5.8	3.3	9.4	27.1	29.9	17.0					
SRT11	41.7N	082.8W	3.4	5.6	23.7	43.4	26.5	0.9		6.4	3.6	1.8	1.2	4.3	17.1	34.8	28.7					
SNW13	43.8N	087.7W	1.0	4.9	36.0	50.1	8.9	0.1		22.2	17.8	21.6	19.1	7.4	3.8	1.2	6.8					
SIS11	48.3N	122.9W	11.1	38.1	56.7	4.6	0.5			6.8	4.7	2.8	4.3	10.7	10.7	32.0	28.0					
SJAF1	30.4N	081.9W	1.4	6.7	58.6	32.7				35.5	8.8	8.2	9.1	6.6	6.7	10.1	15.0					
SST12	29.7N	094.1W	1.4	9.3	54.1	35.3	1.4			26.2												

FEBRUARY 1985			PRESSURE (HPa)							WIND SPEEDS (KNOTS)							MEAN WIND SPEED (KNOTS)						
SUOY	LAT	LONG	NO.	DAYS	MAX	10% HPa	MEAN	10% HPa	MEAN	0-5	RMAX	HPa	0-5	N	E	S	W	NW	TOTAL				
41022	32.31	075.34	670	28	1035.5122	161	1001.4912	111	1021.66	689	37132	101	150	12.31	14.01	11.61	14.81	15.21	16.21	16.41			
41022	29.30	077.34	672	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	209	1021.66	689	37132	111	150	11.51	14.01	13.21	11.61	13.51	13.21	15.11			
41022	25.08	075.34	674	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	121	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42021	26.08	093.54	671	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	131	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	670	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	141	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	669	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	151	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	668	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	161	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	667	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	171	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	666	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	181	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	665	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	191	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	664	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	201	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	663	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	211	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	662	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	221	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	661	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	231	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	660	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	241	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	659	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	251	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	658	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	261	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	657	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	271	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	656	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	281	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	655	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	291	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	654	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	301	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	653	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	311	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	652	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	321	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	651	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	331	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	650	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	341	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	649	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	351	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	648	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	361	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	647	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	371	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	646	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	381	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	645	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	391	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	644	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	401	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	643	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	411	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	642	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	421	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	641	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	431	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	640	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	441	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	639	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	451	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	638	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	461	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	637	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	471	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	636	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	481	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	635	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	491	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	634	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	501	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	633	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	511	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	632	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	521	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	631	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	531	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	630	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	541	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	629	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	551	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	628	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	561	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	627	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	571	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	626	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	581	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	625	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	591	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	624	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	601	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	623	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	611	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	622	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	621	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	621	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	631	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	620	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	641	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	619	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	651	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	618	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	661	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			
42031	26.04	085.94	617	28	1035.7122	161	1004.9112	211	1021.66	689	37132	671	150	11.51	14.01	12.41	12.91	13.51	13.51	22.21			

FEBRUARY 1965			TOTAL FREQUENCY OF WIND SPEEDS (%)										TOTAL FREQUENCY OF WIND DIRECTIONS (%)									
BUOY#	LAT	LONG	CALM	4-10KT	11-21KT	22-33KT	34-47KT	48-57KT	58-67KT	68-77KT	78-87KT	88-97KT	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	HW	
410021	32.3N	075.3W		1.3	18.4	49.7	10.3		0.3				4.1	10.2	9.8	11.9	13.6	21.3	13.4	15.7		
410041	29.3N	077.3W		4.8	38.9	52.0	8.2						11.4	4.3	10.0	11.9	17.1	16.9	19.2	13.3		
420011	25.9N	089.7W		3.1	32.9	50.7	12.1	1.2					8.6	29.2	21.9	19.5	9.4	0.5	1.9	9.1		
420021	26.0N	093.5W		1.5	21.6	59.1	18.9	0.9					14.2	18.8	24.2	30.7	9.1	1.3	0.3	3.3		
420031	26.0N	085.9W		1.2	15.7	42.3	40.5	0.3					10.8	18.1	29.2	21.7	10.7	1.5	0.9	7.8		
420071	30.1N	088.9W		7.2	38.2	46.2	0.5						19.0	21.6	31.9	12.5	3.0	2.2	2.2	7.6		
440041	38.5N	070.7W		1.7	16.9	54.9	23.1	5.3					18.7	4.6	7.3	4.0	4.3	9.4	24.4	27.3		
440051	42.7N	068.4W		2.9	23.9	53.5	9.7						11.7	4.8	7.2	6.2	7.7	21.8	17.3	23.3		
440071	43.5N	070.1W		1.2	15.7	59.0	4.7						20.8	4.6	8.5	7.1	6.4	19.3	19.9	16.5		
440081	40.5N	069.5W		1.9	27.8	56.5	13.9						29.2	25.5	9.7			6.0	7.2	22.5		
440091	38.5N	074.6W		1.8	41.8	49.1	7.3						19.1	18.4	3.2	4.1	8.2	12.3	10.5	26.4		
440111	41.1N	068.6W			41.1	35.4	28.6						4.5	4.0	20.1	9.4	4.7	6.3	10.1	37.1		
440121	38.8N	074.6W	7.5	9.4	33.3	53.6	3.7						8.1	11.9	2.8	1.6	4.0	41.1	11.1	10.2	8.7	
440131	42.4N	070.8W	4.0	9.4	31.6	50.2	13.1	0.5					8.6	4.0	5.5	8.7	12.4	17.9	19.7	23.3		
460011	56.3N	148.3W		3.0	72.7	94.2	19.4	0.8					6.9	5.0	3.0	4.9	6.6	21.9	31.2	18.6		
460021	42.5N	137.3W		2.7	28.5	56.3	12.5						27.5	2.0	2.1	1.6	6.9	4.7	17.4	39.6		
460031	51.7N	135.7W		1.8	13.8	56.9	27.5	0.1					13.9	2.2	3.0	3.0	12.1	24.9	18.1	24.9		
460041	50.7N	135.9W		0.4	11.5	65.0	22.6	0.4					0.8	0.5	1.3	3.6	8.5	41.4	39.9	4.1		
460051	46.1N	130.9W		0.3	17.3	56.1	23.8	2.0					10.4	1.1		0.3	7.9	12.9	39.9	27.3		
460061	40.8N	137.6W		7.6	34.7	47.3	9.5	0.9					17.8	4.6	3.3	7.1	11.4	9.2	15.5	31.3		
460101	46.2N	124.2W		12.0	44.0	40.5	2.8	0.8					10.0	3.9	18.3	5.2	18.6	15.0	12.8	18.3		
460111	34.9N	120.2W		10.7	40.2	43.0	4.2						23.0	9.5	3.9	3.7	7.3	4.1	3.0	45.5		
460121	37.4N	122.7W		5.8	27.2	56.9	9.9	0.1					35.4	4.0	1.2	2.7	7.8	4.1	1.0	38.5		
460131	38.2N	122.3W		3.8	26.7	53.8	7.5						1.5	1.4	4.1	2.8	2.8	4.4	4.3	79.5		
460141	39.2N	124.0W		6.6	28.8	46.3	18.1	0.2					33.7	3.6	3.7	3.5	10.0	3.5	1.1	40.8		
460161	63.3N	177.3W	0.5	3.8	24.9	45.9	24.9	0.5					22.5	34.6	7.2	10.4	6.5	8.7	1.0	7.2		
460171	60.3N	172.3W	0.5	1.4	18.0	48.4	22.4						33.1	38.1	9.2	1.6	9.2	7.2	1.4	34.8		
460181	60.3N	177.0W		1.4	7.2	51.2	26.8	3.3					9.7	38.9	7.2	11.5	7.9	10.5	9.7	8.6		
460221	40.8N	124.5W		8.5	24.8	57.5	9.1						63.8	5.8	1.4	3.5	12.6	4.0	3.2	5.6		
460231	34.3N	120.7W		6.8	21.7	49.0	12.5						18.8	2.4	5.9	8.2	2.4	3.3	2.0	62.0		
460241	32.8N	119.5W		5.8	20.4	50.5	9.7						12.0	6.9	1.8	3.8	3.7	3.1	1.2	64.8		
460251	33.6N	119.0W		27.0	59.6	17.6	0.8						7.3	8.0	5.6	6.8	5.2	10.9	28.7	27.4		
460261	37.8N	122.7W		15.5	28.4	46.1	10.0						4.3	2.0	2.3	2.8	6.3	2.3	23.3	57.2		
460281	35.9N	121.9W			4.5	77.3	18.2															
460291	46.2N	124.2W		12.7			2.7						10.4	6.5	17.6	4.7	22.3	11.9	12.7	13.9		
460301	40.4N	124.5W	4.6	4.8	33.3	51.4	10.6						17.0	4.9	1.7	13.8	10.6	1.6	3.4	7.4		
460311	55.5N	161.7W		4.5	25.9	54.5	14.7	0.4					19.0	1.2		3.5	13.4	1.7	3.5	53.8		
460321	54.2N	165.8W			28.0	41.5	26.0	2.6					17.5	1.5	5.7	8.5	12.8					
460331	55.0N	159.4W			33.3	53.3							13.3	13.3								
460341	55.1N	167.1W			20.8	47.9	11.3						2.1	4.2	11.5	22.4	22.9	12.0	13.0	12.0		
510011	23.4N	167.3W		2.8	26.3	47.5	3.4						7.8	35.5	70.7	5.6	9.3	3.2	4.1	5.7		
510021	17.2N	162.3W		1.0	0.9	20.3	78.6	0.3					3.1	13.4	72.1	10.9						
510031	19.2N	160.8W		0.7	46.6	52.6							2.6	25.4	78.5	75.1	5.8	1.5	0.5	0.6		
510041	17.5N	152.5W		1.3	17.8	80.4	0.4						1.3	25.9	59.1	10.6	2.1	0.3				
ALRF11	25.0N	085.6W	1.0	2.5	19.7	59.1	18.7						9.2	18.5	76.8	16.8	4.6	6.3	2.3	5.5		
ALSN11	40.5N	081.3W		1.9	17.8	46.3	3.3	5.9					28.1	14.6	21.2	5.7	6.2	16.9	15.1	27.4		
BURL11	28.9N	089.4W	1.8	5.5	23.1	62.6	8.3	0.5					28.1	14.6	21.2	5.7	6.2	16.9	15.1	27.4		
CARZ11	42.4N	124.7W	3.7	9.1	42.2	78.0	10.6						29.9	19.9	4.9	9.2	15.2	15.6	5.1	1.1		
CHLV21	36.9N	075.7W	2.0	7.8	26.3	44.9	19.4	1.5					1.9	18.9	38.8	9.5	4.1	11.1	17.7	21.6		
CLAV11	26.7N	075.3W	3.8	16.3	41.1	41.9	5.3	0.5					22.1	15.9	3.0	3.2	7.0	26.8	13.0	11.1		
CYF11	29.7N	085.4W	4.5	28.3	60.3	10.0	1.4						13.5	14.0	70.3	12.5	9.4	2.0	8.7	9.7		
DLNL1	42.5N	079.4W	1.8	9.3	35.5	79.4	15.2	0.7					2.2	9.1	2.1	2.0	10.1	48.5	21.1	4.9		
DSLS11	47.7N	074.5W	1.9	18.7	42.4	32.8	2.7	1.8					5.3	7.5	44.9	71.1	13.0	9.0	4.2	16.0		
DSLS21	47.1N	090.7W	2.5	18.0	42.5	39.5	4.0						9.3	10.1	11.7	3.9	14.7	78.7	14.8	9.9		
USLW11	35.2N	073.3W	1.6	5.0	16.7	48.1	26.7	2.7	0.6				24.7	6.3	0.7	3.4	6.4	19.4	19.0	20.0		
FIS111	32.7N	079.7W	1.1	18.5	57.0	74.3	0.2						7.9	20.4	11.6	3.3	4.4	29.1	18.1	10.2		
FF1211	57.3N	135.6W		8.0	39.8	48.7	19.7	3.9	0.2				24.8	7.9	6.9	7.6	20.9	1.4	1.8	3.2		
FFS111	33.5N	077.6W	0.2	2.8	22.4	50.8	20.4	3.4	0.2				16.3	13.2	2.0	9.3	9.5	17.6	19.3	12.7		
GL1111	29.3N	097.0W	1.2	8.1	36.2	51.3	4.4						13.7	29.5	74.6	6.8	4.7	1.5	5.0	12.1		
GLLW11	43.9N	076.4W	1.8	8.8	33.3	77.9	18.9	1.1					5.2	16.1				17.9	19.0	12.1		
IOS111	43.0N	076.6W	1.4	1.5	4.5	41.5	19.4	2.7	0.2				11.4	3.2	4.7	8.3	12.6	22.8	22.3	19.5		
LWF111	26.6N	087.0W	1.1	8.9	40.5	49.5	1.1						5.4	12.3	19.5	19.2	18.7	4.6	5.1	15.3		
MWR111	44.0N	065.1W	1.8	2.5	16.2	48.9	28.5	3.5	0.3				10.8	5.6	8.6	7.2	10.0	15.9	13.0	30.7		
RTS111	43.8N	068.7W		3.3	15.5	47.6	29.6	3.0	0.9				31.1	38.9	25.6	7.3	9.2	18.3	16.7	28.0		
WUP111	44.4N	129.1W	4.4	42.2	29.9	26.7	2.2															
PLT111	48.2N	088.4W		12.5		87.5																
PTAC11	39.4N	123.7W	5.9	15.6	40.7	40.1	3.6						49.4	14.6	9.9	3.9	16.4	6.3	75.0	16.8		
PTAT11	27.4N	091.1W		7.0	20.1	56.7	16.1						24.7	20.2	20.2	13.9	3.4	0.7	1.7	19.1		
PTGC11	34.6N	127.7W	5.3	8.9	39.8	38.4	12.7	2.3					48.3	5.6	0.9	4.9	17.7	0.6	1.4	20.5		
SP1111	41.7N	082.4W	6.7	4.2	35.2	59.8	10.8						5.9	1.1	8.5	4.5	14.7	31.9	21.4	12.1		
SON111	43.8N	087.7W	1.4	4.5	35.3	52.1	6.1						11.7	2.7	4.4	4.2	12.0	17.7	23.8	24.0		
STSL11	46.3N	122.7W	5.7	16.6	49.2	27																

ARCH	1985		PRESSURE (MB)										WIND SPEED (KNOTS)										HEAVY WIND SPEED (KNOTS)									
	BUOY	LAT	LONG	ONS	DAYS	MAX	DIR	MIN	DIR	MIN	DIR	PEAK	ONS	HARDY	HPI	DIR	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	TOTAL							
40001	34.9N	072.9W	076	04	1017.5	1033	141	1012.2	110	1020.3	21	1014.6	7	7	12	15.3	16.3	16.2	15.9	13.4	16.0	13.4	17.1	15.1	15.1							
40002	32.3N	075.3W	741	71	1031.1	1077	151	1020.3	217	1020.3	21	1020.3	732	35118	131	320	15.3	16.3	16.2	15.9	13.4	16.0	13.4	17.1	15.1							
40003	34.9N	072.9W	742	71	1031.1	1077	151	1020.3	217	1020.3	21	1020.3	732	35118	131	320	15.3	16.3	16.2	15.9	13.4	16.0	13.4	17.1	15.1							
40021	25.9N	086.7W	740	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	21720	051	120	16.3	13.3	11.7	15.1	13.4	9.1	10.4	12.1	15.1							
40022	26.0N	095.5W	740	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40023	26.0N	095.5W	741	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40071	34.9N	072.9W	740	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40072	34.9N	072.9W	741	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40073	34.9N	072.9W	742	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40074	34.9N	072.9W	743	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40075	34.9N	072.9W	744	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40076	34.9N	072.9W	745	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40077	34.9N	072.9W	746	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40078	34.9N	072.9W	747	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40079	34.9N	072.9W	748	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40080	34.9N	072.9W	749	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40081	34.9N	072.9W	750	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40082	34.9N	072.9W	751	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40083	34.9N	072.9W	752	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40084	34.9N	072.9W	753	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40085	34.9N	072.9W	754	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40086	34.9N	072.9W	755	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40087	34.9N	072.9W	756	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40088	34.9N	072.9W	757	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40089	34.9N	072.9W	758	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40090	34.9N	072.9W	759	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40091	34.9N	072.9W	760	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40092	34.9N	072.9W	761	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40093	34.9N	072.9W	762	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40094	34.9N	072.9W	763	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40095	34.9N	072.9W	764	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40096	34.9N	072.9W	765	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40097	34.9N	072.9W	766	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40098	34.9N	072.9W	767	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40099	34.9N	072.9W	768	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40100	34.9N	072.9W	769	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40101	34.9N	072.9W	770	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40102	34.9N	072.9W	771	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40103	34.9N	072.9W	772	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40104	34.9N	072.9W	773	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40105	34.9N	072.9W	774	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40106	34.9N	072.9W	775	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40107	34.9N	072.9W	776	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40108	34.9N	072.9W	777	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40109	34.9N	072.9W	778	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40110	34.9N	072.9W	779	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40111	34.9N	072.9W	780	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40112	34.9N	072.9W	781	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40113	34.9N	072.9W	782	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40114	34.9N	072.9W	783	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0	9.1	9.1	14.1	15.1							
40115	34.9N	072.9W	784	71	1026.1	1091	151	1004.7	112	1020.3	21	1014.6	732	33131	111	010	18.0	15.3	16.0	16.0	16.0											

MARCH 1985										TOTAL FREQUENCY OF WIND SPEEDS (%)										TOTAL FREQUENCY OF WIND DIRECTIONS (%)									
BUOY	LAT	LONG	CALM	CAT	0-10KT	11-21KT	22-33KT	34-47KT	48-57KT	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	W	NW	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	W	
41001	29.3N	075.3W			3.0	18.9	63.5	16.4	0.3	10.1	9.6	11.1	11.8	10.0	26.6	11.2	9.6			10.1	9.6	11.1	11.8	10.0	26.6	11.2	9.6		
41004	29.3N	077.3W			4.6	35.3	53.7	6.4		8.6	8.2	11.4	12.2	11.2	24.5	13.2	12.7			8.6	8.2	11.4	12.2	11.2	24.5	13.2	12.7		
42001	25.9N	089.7W			1.8	33.4	56.3	10.1		5.9	22.7	20.1	21.4	8.5	4.0	3.4	3.4			5.9	22.7	20.1	21.4	8.5	4.0	3.4	3.4		
42002	26.0N	093.5W			0.8	21.4	61.2	16.6		7.4	9.8	22.0	37.4	13.9	4.3	2.3	3.0			7.4	9.8	22.0	37.4	13.9	4.3	2.3	3.0		
42003	26.0N	085.9W			1.6	35.2	52.2	15.4	0.5	5.5	19.7	24.0	36.2	8.3	1.7	2.7	3.1			5.5	19.7	24.0	36.2	8.3	1.7	2.7	3.1		
42007	30.1N	086.9W			7.1	43.5	47.9	1.5		7.0	12.3	14.8	25.5	17.0	1.7	4.8	5.2			7.0	12.3	14.8	25.5	17.0	1.7	4.8	5.2		
44004	38.5N	070.7W			1.6	11.2	44.4	39.1	3.7	17.0	10.3	6.3	4.9	7.2	10.5	19.9	23.9			17.0	10.3	6.3	4.9	7.2	10.5	19.9	23.9		
44005	42.7N	068.4W			4.9	23.5	61.9	9.7		18.6	1.8	0.8	3.8	9.0	21.8	19.4	28.6			18.6	1.8	0.8	3.8	9.0	21.8	19.4	28.6		
44007	43.5N	070.1W			4.8	28.2	64.2	2.8		17.2	3.4	2.7	4.4	14.0	19.1	16.7	22.6			17.2	3.4	2.7	4.4	14.0	19.1	16.7	22.6		
44008	40.5N	069.5W	1.3		4.2	24.8	59.8	14.8		12.5	11.0	9.4	5.9	15.1	23.3	11.7	4.8			12.5	11.0	9.4	5.9	15.1	23.3	11.7	4.8		
44009	38.5N	073.6W	1.1		1.1	31.7	53.4	13.8		11.3	13.6	5.8	5.7	22.3	12.2	10.5	18.6			11.3	13.6	5.8	5.7	22.3	12.2	10.5	18.6		
44011	41.1N	066.6W			7.2	21.1	56.7	15.0		20.7	7.3	1.4	2.5	9.8	12.7	21.4	24.1			20.7	7.3	1.4	2.5	9.8	12.7	21.4	24.1		
44012	38.2N	076.6W	2.0		2.6	32.2	57.0	8.1		12.1	12.1	9.8	5.2	26.7	8.2	13.2	12.7			12.1	12.1	9.8	5.2	26.7	8.2	13.2	12.7		
44013	42.4N	070.8W	2.0		4.2	29.4	60.3	5.7		9.8	5.8	5.4	9.8	9.4	17.8	19.1	22.9			9.8	5.8	5.4	9.8	9.4	17.8	19.1	22.9		
44014	56.3N	146.3W			3.5	17.5	51.5	27.3	0.1	2.7	5.9	12.0	8.4	15.0	22.2	20.3	13.4			2.7	5.9	12.0	8.4	15.0	22.2	20.3	13.4		
44022	42.5N	130.3W			2.1	18.5	58.9	20.5		16.8	3.1	5.4	4.9	4.6	16.4	20.2	26.7			16.8	3.1	5.4	4.9	4.6	16.4	20.2	26.7		
44033	51.7N	155.7W			2.4	7.5	37.1	48.3	4.6	3.7	1.2	3.4	6.8	6.9	28.0	33.9	16.1			3.7	1.2	3.4	6.8	6.9	28.0	33.9	16.1		
44034	50.7N	135.9W			2.6	21.2	63.2	12.5	0.5	9.7	2.4	1.3	1.9	13.4	29.4	27.5	18.4			9.7	2.4	1.3	1.9	13.4	29.4	27.5	18.4		
44035	46.3N	130.9W			2.1	13.5	50.5	29.4	4.2	12.8	4.1	2.8	3.7	10.1	17.8	23.4	28.2			12.8	4.1	2.8	3.7	10.1	17.8	23.4	28.2		
44036	40.8N	137.6W			1.9	13.3	36.9	46.3	1.6	20.9	9.9	0.6	0.4	2.3	23.5	11.8	30.6			20.9	9.9	0.6	0.4	2.3	23.5	11.8	30.6		
44037	40.2N	129.2W			0.5	36.8	53.1	2.8		13.8	5.6	8.1	5.9	25.1	15.7	4.8	21.3			13.8	5.6	8.1	5.9	25.1	15.7	4.8	21.3		
44038	34.9N	120.9W			7.1	29.4	53.3	10.2		15.0	1.8	1.4	3.3	5.6	8.3	5.2	59.4			15.0	1.8	1.4	3.3	5.6	8.3	5.2	59.4		
44039	37.4N	122.7W			4.5	27.5	52.1	14.6	1.4	15.6	1.2	1.7	11.4	10.8	6.8	9.3	43.2			15.6	1.2	1.7	11.4	10.8	6.8	9.3	43.2		
44040	38.2N	123.3W			8.8	34.6	44.9	13.7		8.9	0.9	4.3	10.3	7.3	6.0	18.6	88.6			8.9	0.9	4.3	10.3	7.3	6.0	18.6	88.6		
44041	39.2N	129.0W			8.3	27.5	42.9	12.0	2.0	19.0	2.4	1.1	11.6	1.1	8.7	8.8	40.2			19.0	2.4	1.1	11.6	1.1	8.7	8.8	40.2		
44042	63.3N	170.3W	0.8		6.6	19.3	38.1	24.6	10.2	13.6	54.1	10.8	4.0	3.5	6.7	5.9	1.4			13.6	54.1	10.8	4.0	3.5	6.7	5.9	1.4		
44043	60.3N	172.3W			6.1	34.1	36.3	72.9	0.4	35.7	11.6	8.1	2.1	7.2	10.7	9.5	16.9			35.7	11.6	8.1	2.1	7.2	10.7	9.5	16.9		
44044	40.3N	127.3W			1.9	43.5	47.9	1.5	22.3	1.9	11.2	12.3	14.8	17.0	1.7	4.8	5.2			1.9	11.2	12.3	14.8	17.0	1.7	4.8	5.2		
44022	40.8N	124.5W			7.5	42.5	43.0	7.1		39.9	9.1	3.9	9.9	14.2	7.6	6.8	13.4			39.9	9.1	3.9	9.9	14.2	7.6	6.8	13.4		
44023	34.3N	120.7W			2.9	28.2	45.7	23.3		8.1			0.4	0.7	2.8	6.1	10.4			8.1			0.4	0.7	2.8	6.1	10.4		
44024	32.8N	119.5W			2.3	36.7	46.3	12.6		3.4	0.4	0.1		0.5	4.5	21.3	49.7			3.4	0.4	0.1		0.5	4.5	21.3	49.7		
44025	33.4N	119.9W			7.8	21.2	51.7	19.4		1.4	2.7	2.8	1.9	1.9	3.1	10.4	48.8			7.8	21.2	51.7	19.4	1.9	3.1	10.4	48.8		
44026	37.8N	122.7W			5.4	31.3	53.8	9.5		1.4	2.6	3.6	7.6	10.1	9.4	29.2	41.1			1.4	2.6	3.6	7.6	10.1	9.4	29.2	41.1		
44029	46.2N	124.2W			6.8	44.0	46.4	2.7		15.1	6.8	7.6	8.8	26.1	13.1	3.3	19.3			15.1	6.8	7.6	8.8	26.1	13.1	3.3	19.3		
44030	40.4N	124.5W	3.0		5.9	33.1	42.3	8.5	0.2	35.1	7.6	1.5	23.7	9.1	6.7	8.4	8.2			35.1	7.6	1.5	23.7	9.1	6.7	8.4	8.2		
44031	58.5N	161.7W	0.4		4.1	22.4	63.9	28.2	2.4	10.1	13.8	4.8	3.9	20.3	8.7	9.9	12.7			10.1	13.8	4.8	3.9	20.3	8.7	9.9	12.7		
44032	54.2N	165.8W			1.7	17.9	45.0	35.8	1.4	12.8	3.9	7.9	8.5	9.2	16.9	17.3	23.5			12.8	3.9	7.9	8.5	9.2	16.9	17.3	23.5		
44033	55.4N	159.8W			0.8	31.8	37.6	27.3	2.5	12.2	21.1	4.2	4.3	9.3	14.4	7.7	31.7			12.2	21.1	4.2	4.3	9.3	14.4	7.7	31.7		
44034	55.1N	163.7W			1.2	12.7	43.4	40.3	2.9	11.5	10.7	9.3	10.5	14.9	10.7	19.8	21.8			11.5	10.7	9.3	10.5	14.9	10.7	19.8	21.8		
51001	23.4N	162.3W			4.9	72.5	72.7			0.4	49.5	45.7	4.1	0.1	4.05	0.1				0.4	49.5	45.7	4.1	0.1	4.05	0.1			
51002	17.2N	157.8W			58.2	41.8				32.2	58.1	9.5	0.2							32.2	58.1	9.5	0.2						
51003	19.2N	160.8W			6.2	70.6	3.2			7.2	78.4	18.2	0.4							6.2	70.6	3.2							
51004	17.5N	162.3W			7.2	78.4	18.2			5.5	16.3	45.5	15.4	2.6	4.4	4.8	5.4			5.5	16.3	45.5	15.4	2.6	4.4	4.8	5.4		
ALRF1	25.0N	080.6W	1.0		7.2	32.9	47.6	12.3		15.1	8.8	11.0	4.6	3.4	17.7	12.9	26.6			15.1	8.8	11.0	4.6	3.4	17.7	12.9	26.6		
ALSN6	40.5N	073.8W	0.9		3.3	17.8	56.5	20.3	2.0	12.3	12.0	19.7	21.0	8.8	10.1	6.3	8.8			12.3	12.0	19.7	21.0	8.8	10.1	6.3	8.8		
BORL1	28.9N	089.4W	5.0		11.4	30.7	50.4	3.6		11.2	7.8	1.8	13.0	28.5	17.2	8.0	2.0			11.2	7.8	1.8	13.0	28.5	17.2	8.0	2.0		
CAR03	43.4N	124.7W	2.0		1.0	11.4	47.6	39.8		15.8	16.6	5.3	8.1	13.6	18.0	7.9	14.6			15.8	16.6	5.3	8.1	13.6	18.0	7.9	14.6		
CHLV2	36.9N	075.7W	0.7		2.9	25.8	50.4	21.0		14.9	20.0	4.9	4.9	6.0	11.2	7.1	8.9			14.9	20.0	4.9	4.9	6.0	11.2	7.1	8.9		
CLW07	34.7N	079.9W	1.6		5.9	33.6	55.7	4.9		7.2	9.5	16.9	18.7	18.0	10.0	12.6	6.5			7.2	9.5	16.9	18.7	18.0	10.0	12.6	6.5		
CSB11	29.7N	085.9W	7.5		24.8	43.5	9.9			3.9	23.5	4.8	3.0	12.8	28.9	13.6	9.4			3.9	23.5	4.8	3.0	12.8	28.9	13.6	9.4		
DBLN6	42.5N	079.4W	1.6		9.8	40.8	39.6	4.4	1.4	8.1	10.7	7.2	30.4	9.3	9.0	4.6	19.9			8.1	10.7	7.2	30.4	9.3	9.0	4.6	19.9		
DESW1	47.7N	124.5W	3.7		14.4	33.4	35.3	15.1	1.8	15.3	30.7	8.8																	

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